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Supplement to the 2005 Bomb

The 2005 VMI Bomb Staff is sorry for the inconvenience that any mistake in the 2005 VMI Bomb has caused. Some pages were inadvertently left out or replaced by pages of last year's book. The Honor Court section had the wrong picture and now has been replaced with the correct picture. Once again thank you for your support and patience. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

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The Honor Court is one of the most time-honored systems of VMI. Its prestige and reputation far exceed the walls of the Institute with people nationwide recognizing it as one of the last single sanction honor systems in the nation.

The Honor Court enforces the Honor Code while educating the Corps on its principles and rules. The Honor Code states that "a cadet will not lie, cheat, or steal nor tolerate those who do." The Honor Code has survived over 160 years because it is embraced and enforced by the Corps of Cadets.

This suport by the Corps of Cadets gives VMI a value system that sets it apart from any other school in the nation. The cadets commit themselves to a life of honesty and integrity. It is hard to escape the presence of the Honor Code as it is a part of every cadet's way of life at VMI.

The Honor Code is the most important system at VMI because without it a cadet would have no chance of surviving at the Institute.

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Love, Mom & Dad

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We are proud of you
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Mom, Dad, Philip
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Breakout Class of 2008
Bryan, We are so very proud of you
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Congratulations!

Rory, we are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan
Lisa, and Grampy

Katie Bopp...From Rat to Cadet in the
VMI Class of 2008...Congratulations!

Special thanks to Margaret, Emily and Pam.
"We have chosen to be fashioned by the Virginia Military Institute, the path less traveled;
formidable in challenge, unequaled in testing. and attractive to those of highest aspirations." VMI Prayer Excerpt
We're proud of you, Katie. Keep focused!
Love, Mom, Dad, Brian, Kristen and Michael

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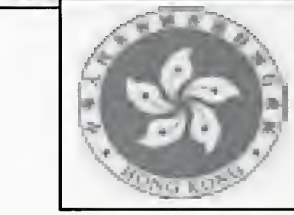

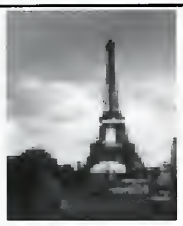

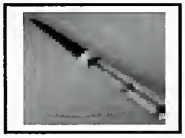

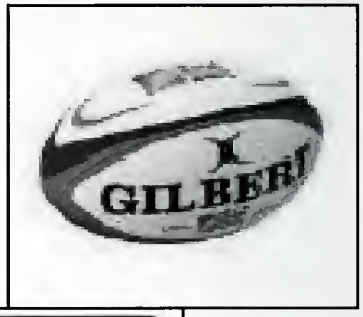

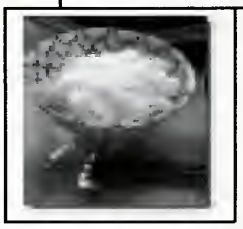

ALEXANDER JAMES DUNOYE

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AT VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.
WE STAND PROUD.

Andrew Jason Karnes

Andy, almost 20 years ago you visited VMI for the first time,

Who would know that you would return and leave your mark on the Corps of Cadets and the Class of 2005.

We are so proud of you, of all you have accomplished, and look forward to all that the Lord has for you in the future.
Joshua 1:9

Love Dad, Mom,
Paul, Kara, and Anna

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the THRILL of SUCCESS
through
HARD WORK

Congratulations on Breakout!
Keep focused on the goal!

Love, Dad, Mom, Julie
And your Grandparents.

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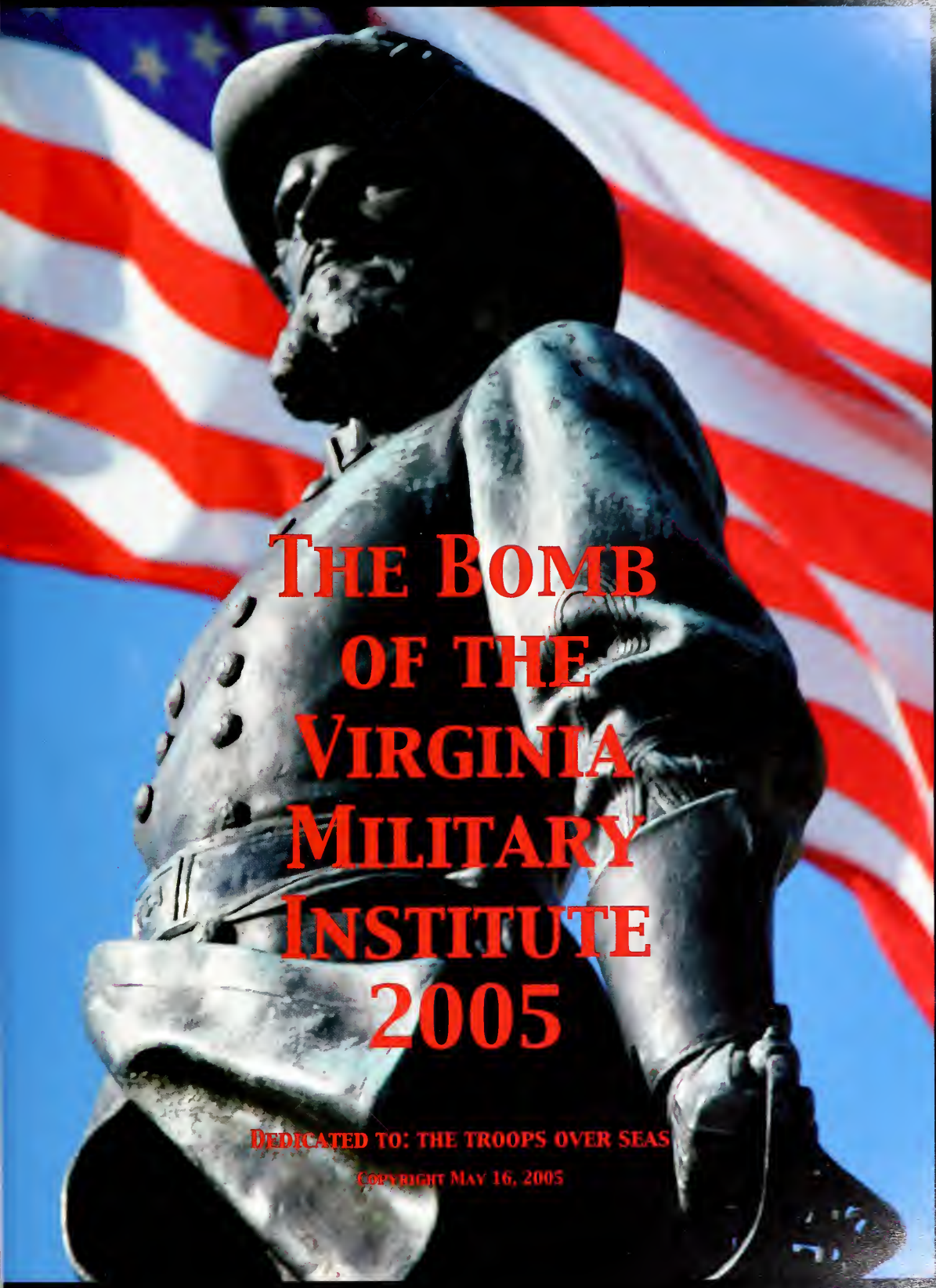

The Bomb of the Virginia Military Institute 2005

Dedicated to: the troops over seas

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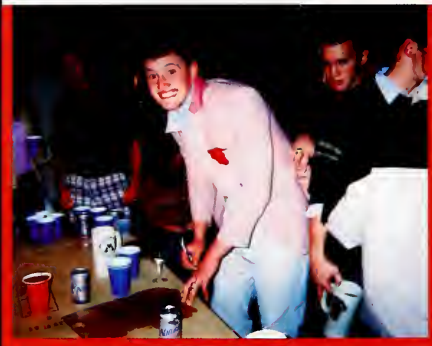
VMI

VMI WORDS

Duty, Honor, Prestige, Dyke (Everything), Civility, Discipline, Leadership, Professionalism, Academics, Regimentation, Success, Service, Hardship, Respect, Deference, Character, Citizen-Soldier, Sacrifice

THIS YEARBOOK IS A REPRESENTATION of the 2005 year as seen through the eyes of Cadets. The theme of this book is based around the famous book "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens. I thought that the parallel between that book and VMI is very close, since the Institute is one of the most memorable commitments in most Cadets' lives; good or bad. The Institute can pick us up, supplying us with an endless plethora of knowledge, lessons, and opportunities. Then when you're least expecting it you get hit from behind with any number of those dark spaces in life and VMI doesn't hesitate to kick you when you're down.

When someone looks at a yearbook they should be able to tell at a glance what that school represents and the activities that go on within its walls. I hope that you can all look back at this Bomb years from now and have all the memories of the 2005 year come flooding back. I hope that there is a variety of events from the 2005 year that bring back memories of what occurred while we were sequestered away in the castle-like architecture of the Institute. May all who come upon this book enjoy its contents.



Best of times, characterized as the memorable moments at VMI. Although they are few, they exist and remain forever imbedded in our minds. Without them ..well VMI would be just about unbearable. They are made up of the friends, family, BR's, girls and boys (for the ladies of course) , drinking of course, and so much more. For all of those times that were "the best" at VMI

It Was the BEST of Times...

-Dickens

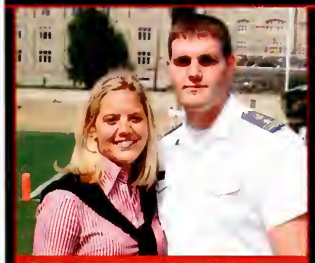
ZOLLMAN'S

Where the alcohol is plentiful, and cadets can fake like they are normal college students. Thank you Zollman whoever and wherever you are.

Homecoming Court

John Fisher & Bridget Benedict

John and Bridget met in Paris on a school sponsored trip during the summer. They broke up later that year but got back together and have been dating for three years. After graduation they plan on moving to Northern Virginia or Washington D.C. John wants to pursue an engineering career and possibly work for the F.B.I. some day. Bridget hopes to either become an event planner or Elementary School teacher while pursuing a part time dance career.



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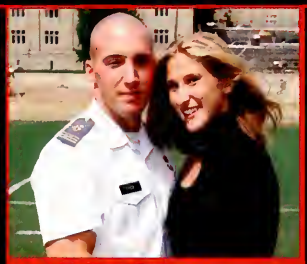

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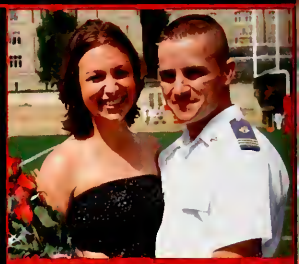

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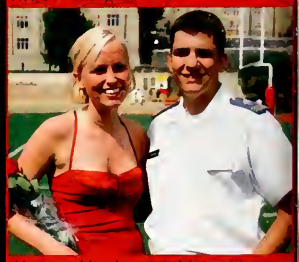


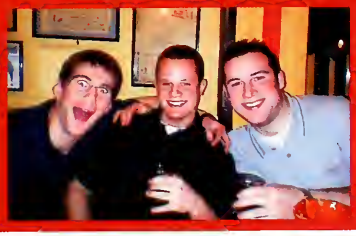
Thomas Hardinge & Mary Flora

"Remember that our outlook almost always determines the outcome"

Anonymous

Keep in mind that your actions always have the potential for improving things

Anonymous



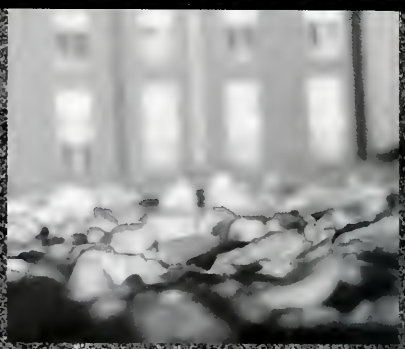
IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES

We resolve to be depressed

Terrorists Aim Here!

"Wealth lost-something lost;
Honor lost-much lost;
Courage lost-all lost."

- Old German Proverb

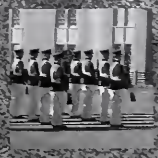


It was the darkness of today that brought the light of tomorrow.

"Unrest And Uncertainty Are Our Lot."
-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

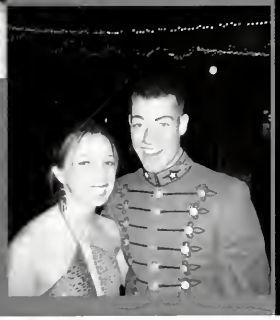
"Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better, whereas enslavement is a certainty of the worst."
-Albert Camus

Name and initials...



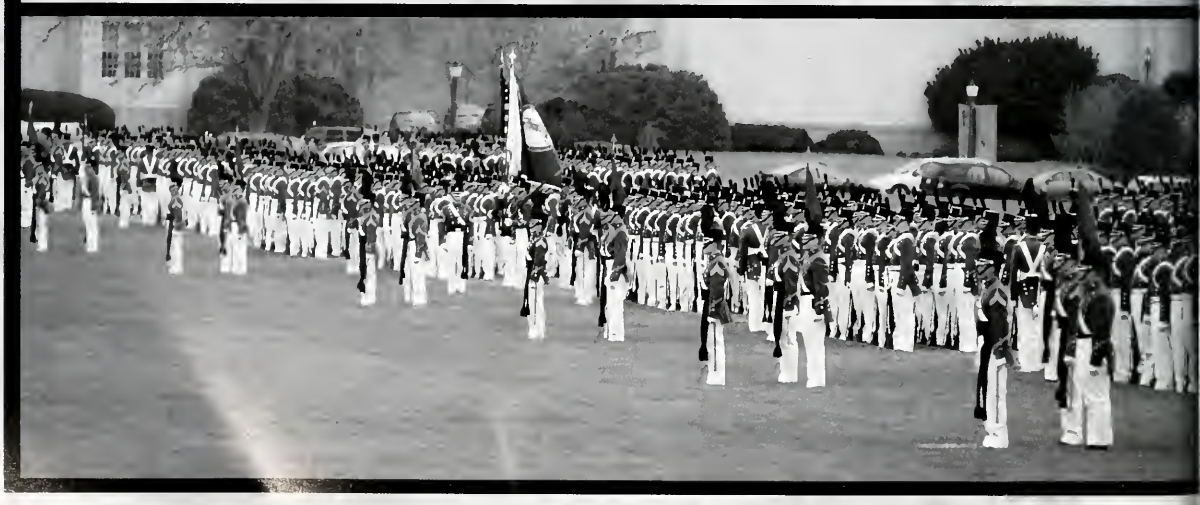
IT WAS THE AGE OF YOUTH...

Mid-Winter Formal



IT WAS THE AGE OF REASON...

A TIME WHEN VMI CADETS SET ASIDE THOUGHTS OF REVELRY AND SHOW THE UNMATCHED DISCIPLINE, HONOR AND PRIDE THAT FEW IF ANY ANY WILL EVER POSSESS WITH REGARD TO THEIR ALMAMATER. IT'S AT THESE TIMES WHEN THE FLAGS ARE RAISED IN PREPARATION FOR THE DUTY DAY AND THE STOICISM WITH WHICH RADIATES SO NATURALLY FROM THE VMI UNIFORM COMES ALIVE IN ITS NATURAL MANNER OF QUIET PROFESSIONALISM.



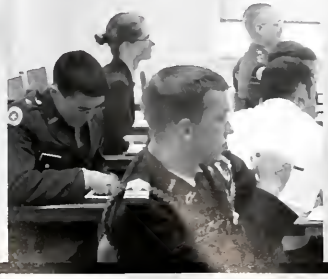
"THE HEALTHFUL AND PLEASANT ABODE OF A CROWD OF HONORABLE YOUTHS, PRESSING UP THE HILL OF SCIENCE WITH NOBLE EMULATION, A GRATIFYING SPECTACLE, AN HONOR TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR STATE, OBJECTS OF HONEST PRIDE TO THEIR INSTRUCTORS AND FAIR SPECIMENS OF CITIZEN-SOLDIERS, ATTACHED TO HER NATIVE STATE, PROUD OF HER FAME, AND READY AT EVERY TIME OF DEEPEST PERIL TO VINDICATE HER HONOR OR DEFEND HER STATE."

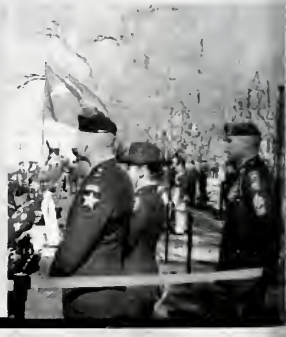
-COLONEL J.T.L PRESTON

MARSHALL AWARDS

George Catlett Marshall was born on December 31, 1880 and matriculated into the Virginia Military Institute in September 11, 1897 with the Class of 1901. Not only was he the First Captain, but also a football player as a well as civil engineering major. After Marshall graduated from VMI, he began his career in the military rising to the rank of five-star General of the Army, with numerous other achievements: Chief of Staff, Secretary of State, and Secretary of Defense.
George Marshall set a standard for cadets that captured the spirit and essence that is the Virginia Military Institute. Even through his professional career, the great character of this noteworthy man was an example for all.

The Marshall Awards remember's General Marshall every year by honoring the best R.O.T.C. cadets from every school in the nation, as well as Academy cadets. These cadets are hosted by VMI and spend a few days in reflection of the qualities of General Marshall. They attend speeches, round-tables, as well as a host of other activities to further hone their already outstanding leadership skills.





"When a thing is done, it's done. Don't look back. Look forward to your next objective."
-George C. Marshall

"Morale is a state of mind. It is steadfastness and courage and hope."
-George C. Marshall

IT WAS A TIME TO REMEMBER...

As we have made our paths this year along this sequestered road less travelled in the foothills of the Shenandoah Valley, we often find ourselves secluded from the rest of the world. Forgetting the lives, events, and places that swirl around VMI to form what cadets like to call "the real world." However we must never forget that VMI is only one piece amongst thousands that join together to form the patchwork of the year that has drifted into the past, becoming one of a myriad of memories in our lives. It is at this time that we must remember what has gone before us untouched by the hand of VMI, and reflect on the importance of those events, people, and places without feeling the weight of that upcoming test, CTT inspection, or begrudging formation that is on the brink of the next moment in our lives as VMI cadets.

So let us remember all those who are great in the history of time that have fallen to a place of rest over the course of this past year. The influential Yassar Arafat, long time piece in the ongoing struggle between Palestine and Israel who now lays in rest. The devout Pope John Paul II, leader of the Catholic faith and spiritual giant within the religious world. Although these are only a very few among the many well deserving, but there is much else to be remembered.

So let us remember all those events that have made us smile, bringing light to our days and enjoyment to our hearts. The Boston Red Sox breaking the Curse of the Bambino by sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals to win the World Series. The Patriots victory in the Super Bowl, and the many gifted athletes in the Greek Summer Olympics who showed the world the abilities of the United States on the athletic field. It was these events and others that made us cheer for our country and bring warmth to our hearts. However we must not forget the events that brought tears to our eyes.

So let us remember all those events that have shown the face of humanity and made us murmur one single word, why? The shocking Tsunami disaster that rocked the entire South East Asia region, and brought the world together for one common cause. The soldiers, who in service to our country paid the ultimate price and allowed the word "freedom" to be heard around the world. The countless terrorist attacks that have killed innocent people and stunned the international community. Although these events have brought tragedy, they have not characterized this past year.

So let us remember all that has passed before us throughout this year, and reminisce not only on the joy and desperation but also the success and defeat that have been a part of this year's history of VMI. Let us also reflect on the world around us and those moments that have marked the long catalogue of events throughout this past year.

The President's

George W. Bush was sworn back into office for a second term as President of the United States of America on January 20, 2005.

President Bush promoted his speech upon about liberty, freedom, and his pledge to carry these ideas. As the President spoke, he said, "The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world."

The Bush Presidency has mostly been characterized by these ideals while attempting to fight terrorism in the international realm. Although the future is unknown, President Bush made it clear that he was willing to step into and boldly put his foot into a second term of improvements from the work that he had accomplished in his first term.

The President's Inaugural Office and Inaugural Address were followed by a parade in downtown Washington D.C.

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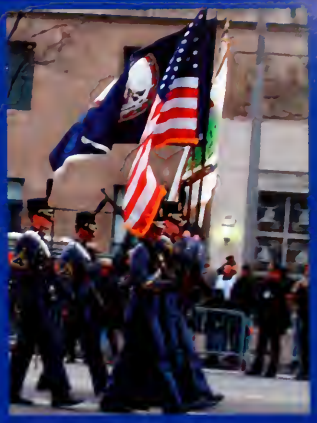


The Virginia Military Institute spent a lot of time in preparation for the President's Inaugural Parade planning. Months, as well as multiple practice parades. With overexertions of energy, the VMI Corps of Cadets were the longest standing contingent in the parade.

After arriving at the pentagon and waiting on all the security issues that took place, the Corps was finally able to form up and hit the Mall. Here the Corps finished drying out and preparing their uniforms for the relatively long march through the streets of downtown Washington D.C.

The Corps marched in the notorious downpour for all 18 blocks with some mishaps. The cadets marched very on the parade route walking along the path that other parade participants had followed. As the Corps approached the reviewing stand, they presented Arms in honor of President Bush. There the President of the United States noted the cadets and their sight of the Corps came to attention until they finally passed the reviewing stand. After the Corps had passed they continued down the streets of D.C. ending the parade route.

THE PRICE (

(World Trade Center)
Charles W. Mathers '62

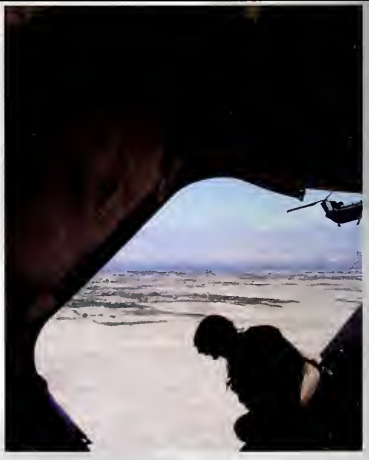
Navy LTCMDR
David L. Williams '91

Army Major
Paul R. Syverson '93

Army Captain
John R. Teal '94

"We sleep safely in our beds tonight because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence to those who would do us harm."

-George Orwell



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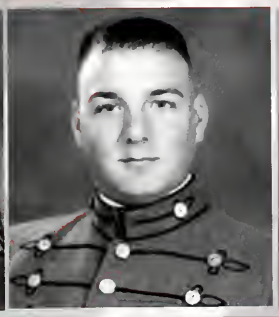
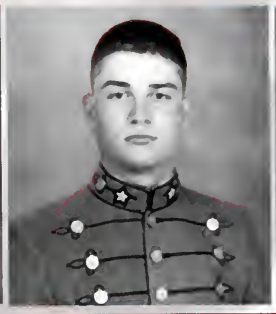
Marine Captain
James C. Edge '96



Army Sergeant
Ryan E. Doltz '00



Army Lieutenant
Joshua C. Hurley '01

Army Captain
Luke C. Wullenwaber '02

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."
- John F. Kennedy

MEDAL OF HONOR

Sergeant 1st class Smith was awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry in action. On April 4, 2003, while attacking the Baghdad Airport in Iraq, Sergeant 1st class Smith and his men came under attack from Iraqi resistence forces while in a courtyard.

He began to maneuver his men to set up a defensive perimeter and began returning fire on the enemy. Throughout this fire-fight Sergeant 1st class Smith led his men by example. However, as the event continued ammo began to run low. This did not deter Sergeant 1st class Smith's tenacity to protect his men.

As the fire-fight became ever worse Sergeant 1st class Smith voluntarily mounted the terret position in an APC and began to effectively fire on the enemy. Although he could have ordered any man within his unit to perform this duty, Sergeant 1st class Smith, with little regard for his own life, showed the outstanding spectrum of his character and continued to man the gun. He did not cease firing on the enemy until he was mortally wounded.

Segeant 1st class Smith was awarded the Medal of Honor for his selfless service to his men and his country. He is a shining example of a US soldier.

(Taken from the Medal of Honor web-site)

MAY YOU REST IN PEACE YOUR LEGACY HAS NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN

COLONEL MICHAEL HARRIS

COLONEL SIEGFRIED WEING

Colonel Harris was a professor in the Department of Modern Languages at the Virginia Military Institute. He taught both French and Spanish since 1972 and had served as Head of the Department for Modern Languages and Cultures.
He was also an adviser to both the VMI Theatre and boxing club. He was a teacher at the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, France, and a representative for VMI in a variety of aspects outside of teaching.
Colonel Harris passed away this year on September 23, 2005 after suffering from a heart attack. Colonel Harris is remembered as a teacher, mentor, and academic.

Colonel Weing was a professor and Head of the Department of Modern Languages at the Virginia Military Institute. He taught German since 1968 and retired from VMI in 2004.
He has written two books on German literature; one entitled *The German Novella: Two Centuries of Criticism* and *An Anthology of German Novellas*. Throughout his career, he received two Fulbright scholarships as well as receiving the VMI Distinguished Teacher's Award in 1986.
Colonel Weing passed away this year after suffering from a heart attack. Colonel Weing is remembered for his dedication to education and love of learning.

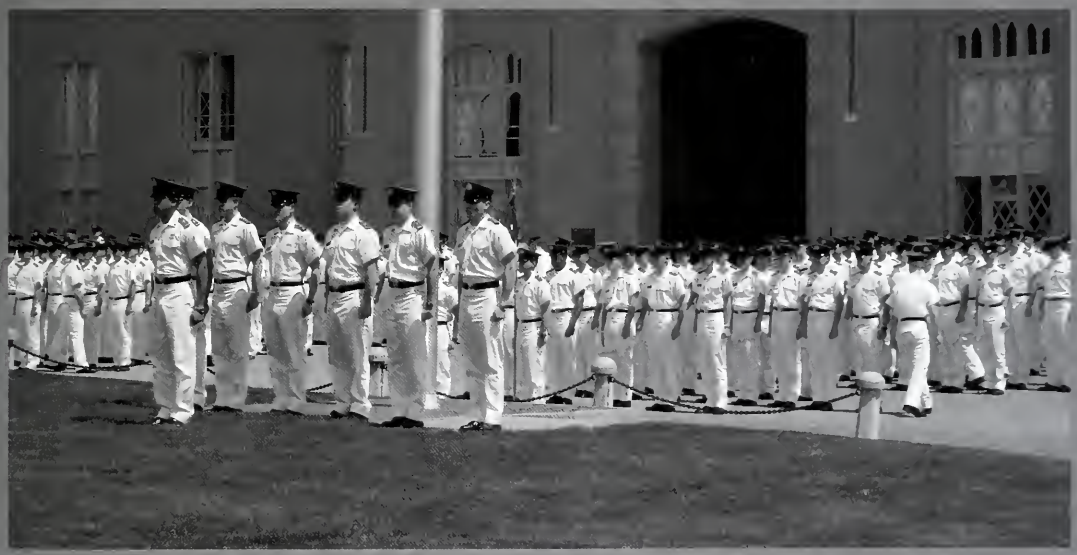
"Things do not change, we change."

-Henry David Thoreau

IT WAS A TIME TO FORGET...

-J.C.F. von Schiller

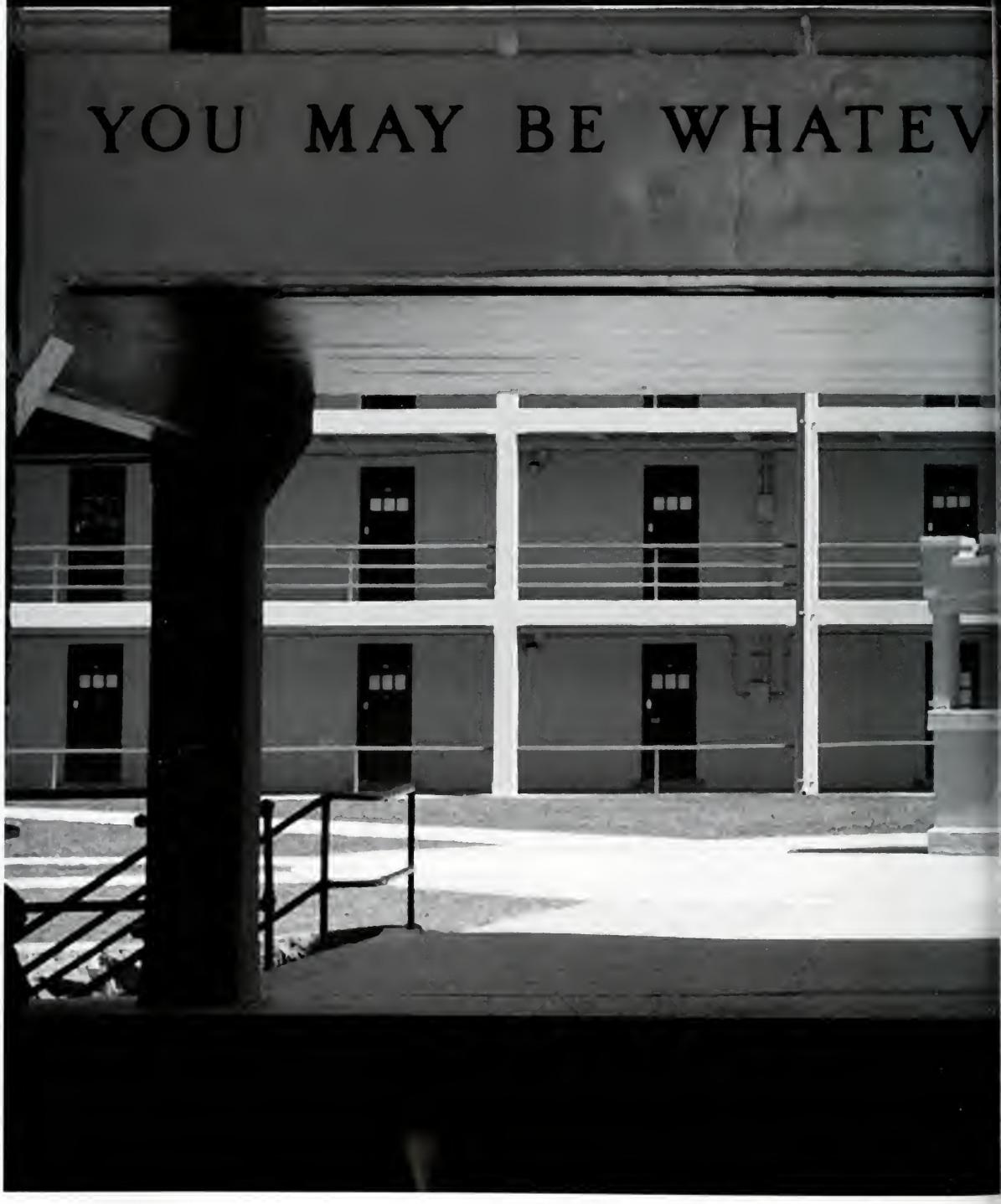
"He who reflects too much will achieve little."

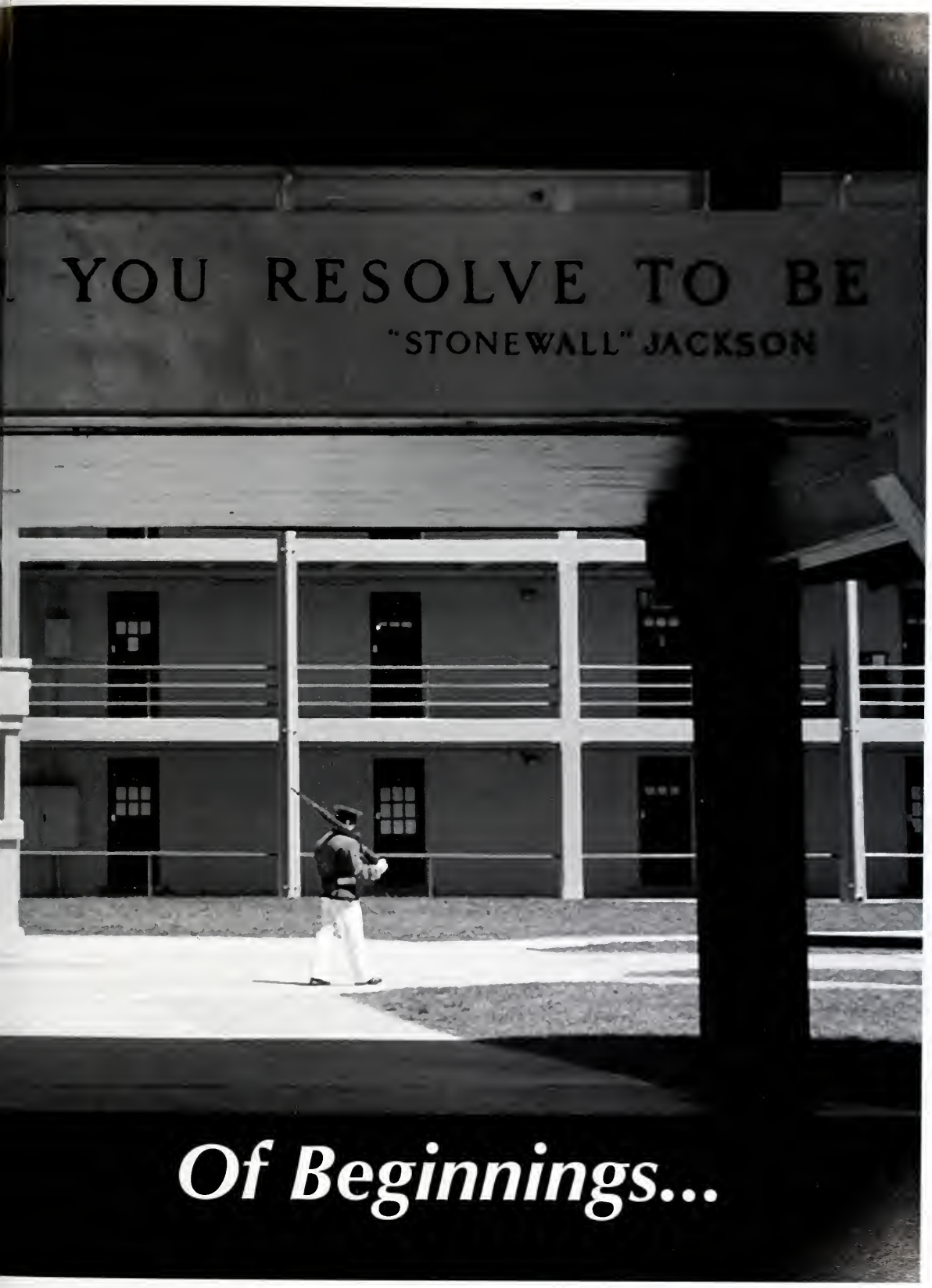


"Let me run with patience the race that is set before me."

-Hebrews 12:1

It Was A Time





Of Beginnings...

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HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AN OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY IN THE GRADE OF SECON LIEUTENANT, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF TH UNITED STATES AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, AND THAT I BEAR TRUE FAITH AND

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ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME; THAT I TAKE THIS OBLIGATION FREELY, WITH NO MENTAL RES-ERVATION OR PURPOSE OF EVASION; AND THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY PERFORM HE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE UPON WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER. SO HELP ME GOD.

NAVY

MARINES

"I wish you well and so take my leave,
I pray you know me when we meet again."
-William Shakespeare

It was a time of endings..

"They had everything before them, they had nothing left behind them."
-Charles Dickens

COMMENCEMENT

And so they stood together for one last time, waiting for what had only been a dream over the last four years. And as each name was called, the cadets filed across the stage, closing one chapter of their lives and waiting with apprehension for the next to open. And after the last person's name was called, and the gloves were thrown into the air, this noble crowd dispersed, ending the proud legacy of the class of 2005.

Navy Award

On April 15, 2005 the esteemded Colonel William H. Dabney was awarded the Navy Cross for his gallantry in the Vietnam War on Hill 881S.

Although India Company had taken calculated defensive measures, this would not help the fact that they would be unable to be resupplied throughout the 77-day battle. The company took 90% casualties over the course of the battle.

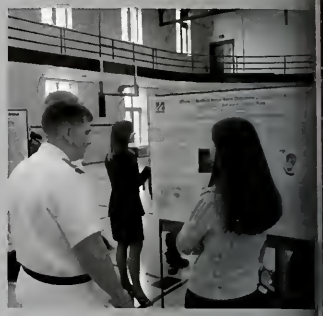
U.S. planes flew 24,400 sorties, dropping almost 10,000 tons of bombs, making it the most heavily bombed battlefield in history.

Over thirty years later, Colonel Dabney finally received recognition for his selfless service to the United States and the Marine Corps throughout the tumultuous battle on Hill 881S.

Lieutenant General H.P. Osman of the United States Marine Corps presented this already decorated and successful Marine and VMI graduate with the prestigious Navy Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor.

Cross Ceremony

National Conference On Undergraduate Research



This year the National Conference on Undergraduate Research was held on the Virginia Military Institute and Washington & Lee campuses. Many VMI students participated in this prestigious event displaying their hardwork and intellectual abilities. NCUR, is an opportunity for undergraduate students to exhibit to their peers and public what they have researched in a variety of subjects and disciplines. Students displayed their work in either a poster presentation or an oral presentation.

Each student was placed in a group with their peers to exhibit what they had researched. These topics or groups divided students into categories germain to their fields of study.

NCUR provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to publish their work and receive public recognition for their researach initiatives. This conference provides a panorama of thoughtful studies and is a wonderful opportunity for undergraduate students.

Class of 2005

"Life at VMI... is nothing like anything one has ever experienced before, neither is it something one will experience again...it is a life characteriz
former cadets as one they would not take a million dollars for having lived, and wouldn't take a million dollars to go through again." – Henry A. V

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There are four milestones in the life of every cadet – Matriculation, Breakout, Ring Figure, and Graduation. From Matriculation to Breakout, w
endured the hardships of a Ratline firmly administered by the Class of 2002, and came to join their proud dyke-line and lineage and be recogniz
finally as the Class of 2005. Third class year came and went with little notoriety or celebration – to some it was worse than the Ratline, to some it
a great time in their cadetships. Second class year was marked by what must have certainly been one of the most memorable weekends of our live
we entered the Brotherhood of the Ring. For most, Ring Figure was truly all that we had heard it would be, and we have proudly worn our cheris
44dwt gold and diamond encrusted rings ever since. At the time of this writing, we as a class are quickly approaching the fourth and last of tho
milestones. We are once again approaching exams and summer furlough, but for most, this will be the final time we carry our trunks, computers, r
boxes, and bays out of barracks. We are close to the culminating event of our cadetship, and it has been another year in which we have seen great h
and lows. In our first class year, we were honored to march in President George W. Bush's second inaugural parade, and as the largest unit to ma
in the parade, we performed masterfully in the national spotlight. At the other end of the spectrum, we as an institution have endured an onslaugh
poor publicity due to a liberal media and an utter lack of understanding by outsiders of anything that occurs within the four walls of barracks. It h
been frustrating to endure the negative attention we have received, but hopefully it provided lessons for future cadets and administrators. VMI is
school grounded in traditions, some of which are not always politically correct. Unfortunately, sometimes that is all the outside world can see. W
they oftentimes do not see is the VMI that produces proud and honorable men and women entrenched upon a moral high ground derived from a sy
of values and ethics that most of the world finds to be archaic. It was and is frustrating, but we as an institution and as a class survive, and we w
drive on. We as a class did our best to instill the values and traditions of VMI in our rats, the mass of 2005+3. We were tasked with developing a r
breakout and we came together and produced what we hope will serve as a platform for future classes to build on. As evidence of the strong leade
that our class has consistently displayed throughout our cadetships, when we felt the rats had not achieved all that we had been entrusted to instru
them, we pushed back their breakout date. Many of the rats felt betrayed by the perceived "Fakeout," but in our eyes, it was yet another test of m
courage and character. Next year, when they have the honor of being the class in barracks with the longest ratline, they will be proud of their dyke
what we accomplished for them. It is our hope that we taught them this year so that they will carry on in the greatest traditions of VMI and bring p
and honor to their dyke-line. The Class of 2005 has proven itself time and again to be a strong class, with strong leadership. It was not only the offi
and representatives of cadet organizations and committees, not only cadets with chevrons on their sleeves and collars who showed themselves to
leaders. Throughout the class, we have developed a fine group of leaders; cadets who stepped up in the Corps, and will no doubt continue to step u
any challenge presented. This year has truly been a learning experience, and it was the result of a continuous building process from our previous th
years in barracks. We executed the goals, visions, and endeavors of our class with great success in this, our final year at the Mother "I." We succee
because of the Brother Rat spirit that has been one of the focal points of our existence in the past four years. For the past four years, we have endu
and we have succeeded. Though we are nearly done wearing the cadet gray, great things are still to come for the Class of 2005.

In the Bonds, Ian G. Dunlap, Historian, Class of 2005

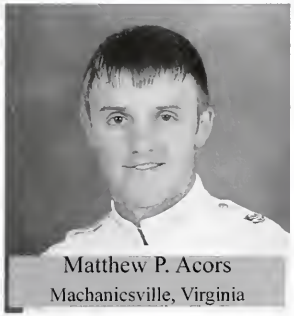
"We came, we saw, we conquered."

-Julius Caesar

"We few, we happy few, we

- William Shakespeare

merry band of brothers."



Matthew P. Acors
Machanicsville, Virginia

It has been a long 4 years, but there have been many enjoyable moments throughout them. First and foremost I would like to thank Mom and Dad for all the support you have given me and always being there for me over the last four years and throughout my entire life. Bo and Sally, thanks for everything and for always being there for me. Words can't express how thankful I am for all of you. To Dick, Henry, and Brooksy. It has been a good run and I don't think I could have kept sane without y'all. Thanks for all the good times in and outside the crib. I couldn't ask for better friends. To my roomies next door, Smitt, El, Bone, and Jimmy. It's been a lot of fun on and off the field. Smitt, you're an animal. Will, Baber, and Lyons, good luck with everything in the future. Baseco, there have been a lot of great memories with you guys, and I wish all of you the best. You all will never be forgotten. Keep getting after it. To the 5th floor crew, there have been many long nights studying, but we somehow managed to make it enjoyable, well most of the time. Alex, Chris, Stephen, and JD, be smart and good luck with the next three years and with baseball. Last but certainly not least, Smitty and Doogie. Well, looks like we finally did it. Smitty, we have had some good times over the last 11 years, and more is to come.

2008: Alex DiDio, Chris Wimmer, Stephen Donaldson, Jaime Davis
Nicknames Duke, Spook
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Milton E. Aguirre
Clifton, Virginia

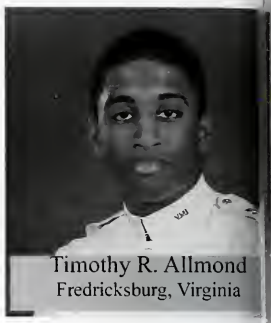
First, I'd like to thank all my close BR's and Chris D., if it wasn't for you guys I might not be writing this bio. You kept me here and alive, thank you. To my M.E. peers, all the time spent with you guys has made us a family and I'll never forget the great/miserable times, whether it be asking for help, complaining about classes, or just being stupid. Mom and Dad, apparently you do know what's best for me. Your support and your actions in my life as role models have truly drove me to strive for my short and long term goals. I owe all my present and future accomplishments to you both, and my determination to succeed is solely to make you proud. Dad, thanks for throwing that ball around with me that "one more time" and for always (most always) knowing how to make me laugh. Mom, thanks for keeping us so close no matter what the extreme. Don't worry, no girl will ever take your son away from you. Brother Rat Cory and Hansen you guys have taught me that great and reliable friends are really out there. Without you guys time at VMI would have been miserable. Cory, for some weird reason your NUMEROUS ways of annoying me will actually be missed. Hansen, thanks for keeping me aware that studying really isn't everything. Your reliable company and sacrifice to stop everything and anything to do nothing and watch a movie,

2002: Ryan Peay
2008: Daniel McKeegan
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanical Engingeering

Katherine S. Aldrich
Stuart, Virginia

This journey began with boot-line buddies and entirely too many water balloon pieces to pick up during STP. We had the horrendous haircuts and even worse the struggles of growing it out to look human again. Through the trials and tribulations we managed to keep some sanity through monthly birthday parties; what other college allows you to spend your 21st balled up and eating Wal-Mart cake with Tacs? My roomies are the ones I shall forever be indebted to. Gaby- Thank you for sharing the "Wows" with me I don't think I could have taken them by myself. I will never forget the advice you have given me or the way you cut a cake. Jess- I'll remember that, and it's still all your fault. the adventure has been awesome, never forget the parentheses!! To my babies: yes this includes my rats and my thirds and whoever else I have adopted along the way: Momma loves you and wishes you the best as you finish this journey and venture out into the big scary world outside of here, just keep swimming!! Thank for everything good lookin', learned a lot! Elbows, falangies, toes, luv y'all!! Good mornin' all you sunshiny peeps!! And may y'all always have a very peachy day!! P.S. Momma, thanks for not taking me back home to be a bum! You are the best! ~Love your lil' gurl!

2002: Jackie Tugman
2008: Gia Bichara, Erin Squires, Meredith Pendergrass
Nicknames: Momma, Kat, Sue, A.K.
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Modern Languages



Timothy R. Allmond
Fredricksburg, Virginia

I want to give thanks to God firs off, for getting me to the point th I am now. Without him, there is way I would have made it this fa life, let alone VMI. I want to giv thanks to my friends and family hearing me complain night in an night out about this place and fo always telling me to "shut-up" a keep on trucking. Thanks Mom a Dad for always giving me suppo when I needed it and the countle bags of gummy-bears and "Doub Stuff Oreos" because you knew that they would make my day. To all my roommates that I ever had for all the laughs, thanks. To the basketball team, my brothers for life, I will never forget any of yo guys, for all the sweat and blood gave together and for the way we laughed about it in the locker roo afterwards, I loved every minute of it, thanks. To my soldiers lost the battle, Esau and Roman, I did it for you guys, I made it for us. They couldn't kick us all out, but they damned sure tried. For all th soldiers who made it, Base Co. J boy, Sam Bo, Pres, Gee, Abey, D Henry, Donnie, Markus Aurileeu Maury, Josh, the Asian and all th boys I'm forgetting, good luck an thanks for it all. I am outta here a it couldn't have came a day soon Im steeping into heaven. Lata.

ROTC: Air Force
Major: Business Economics

Douglas G. Alosio
Stafford, Virginia

ings have been great, thanks for the memories brother rats.

Colin E. Alstad
Tybee Island, Georgia

As my time at VMI comes to an end I realize that I could have not made it this far if it were not for the help of a good number of people. First, to my brother rats, you have made the past four years bearable and I doubt that I will be honored to share the company of a better group of guys and I wish you all the best of luck and success. Kevin and Jarod, I don't think I could have asked for better roommates to serve out my sentence here with. Mom and Dad, if it were not for the innumerable sacrifices you have made over the years I would not be where I am today, I owe it all to you. To my Rat that I leave behind, cherish your time here with your friends, for it will be over before you know it.

Jose P. Amaral
Newport Rhode, Island

While at VMI, I have given up perhaps some of the best years of my life. I've been yelled at, played GI Joe, and punished more times in the past four years than my entire upbringing. But unlike my time before VMI, I've come to know some of the finest men of our age. The individuals that I call my friends are tobacco addicts, completely stressed out, and borderline alcoholics. They are also the most dependable, reliable, honest and trustworthy people I will ever get to know. There is no doubt in my mind that you will all be successful in whatever destiny you choose.
To my family, thank you for always being there and guiding me when at times it seemed that I had wondered off the path. You've been amazing these past 4 years. I couldn't have asked for anything more.

Ryan L. Anderson
Virginia Beach, Virginia

This is the end of four long years, and if I said I was going to miss it I would be lying. I can't wait to leave this place to start a life, but I will definitely miss the guys who kept me here. My roommates and friends have been great to me here, even when VMI wasn't. I hope I was able to give that back to you all and we need to keep in touch.
I really want to thank God for giving me guidance, all of my roommates from the past for years for putting up with me, my friends who were always their to talk and act like they understood what I was going through (especially Shelley Anne) and I especially want to thank my family who has supported me throughout VMI and my life no matter how much trouble I've caused. I hope I can one day turn into a man who will make you proud Mom and Dad.
To John and Pat my first piece of advice would be to leave. If you don't follow that the next best idea is to keep your head low, keep working hard and remember to look out for each other, you only have three more years, left at least.

2002: Corey Stavinoha
2008: Erik Olsen
ROTC: Amry
Major: Mathematics

2002: Alex Martin
2008: Jason Delaney
ROTC: Army
Major: History

2002: Rob Kaczowka
2008: John Richardson and Pat Clark
ROTC: Navy
Major: Business Economics

William P. Angle
Manakin Sabot, Virginia

I guess the traditional thing to say here is "thank you." I'd like to thank my family for sticking by me these past four years and encouraging me to do my best. Without them none of this would be possible. My friends who managed to include me in their normal college experiences. I had a lot of fun at Lynchburg and VT sleeping on the pee couches. I'd especially like to thank my W&L friends who so graciously welcomed me into their homes and beer gardens. Lambda, K3 and Top Shelf, you rock. Thanks to all the fun times at Ft Pickett and AP Hill with the Army guys, and Aaron (I'm from Texas) Childers! Most of all I'd like to thank my Brother Rats. I'll never forget the good times in club 350 waiting for the sweat parties or listening to Richie Barrow speak. Club 365 and BAR 265 were some of the best times of my life. I still can't decide who smelled worse, Rob Brown's (AKA Quentin Tarantino) feet or Charlie Ehnot. First Class year went by fast, but I finally learned what this place is all about. 2.0 and GO! Thanks for putting up with me Allen and Kurt, or maybe you should be thanking me for putting up with you! Good luck with your cadetship Ben, Pete, Justin, Dan, Drake, and Max. You've learned from the 3 best First Class Privates in the school! So I guess that's it. 05 05 05!

2002: Pete Tallaksen, Ben Curle
Nickname: Rambangle
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Gabriela Arraiz
Waterford, Michigan

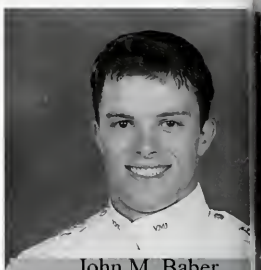
So it's time to reflect on what seems like the most outlandish years of my life, and write something enlightening and uplifting. Interestingly enough, nothing comes to mind, perhaps because I am more concerned with the years to come instead of the years passed. I wont mention how much I hated this place, the type of people it bred or how much the remedial and monotonous daily tasks of cadet life will somehow one day benefit me out where women can be women and men act like men; it has been said and overemphasized by many. In turn, I will close this chapter of my life and gladly begin a new one.

2002: Scott Chalkley
2008: Ashley West
ROTC: Army
Major: Computer Science

Rebecca N. Baas
Minneapolis, Minnesota

"Life is a succession of moments. To live each moment is to succeed."
-Corita Kent
VMI has been an interesting place with lots of memories. Rat Year: had one of the best mentors who taught me a lot and amazing roommates. I still remember eating Jessie's moms' food and listening to the music that drove Kye crazy. Third Class Year: eiy. A very different year- a lot of good things to learn; not everything at VMI has to be serious. Spring break, stayed with amazing people who were going to be my roommates for the next few years of my life. I've gotten to know some great people: Thommie, all my various roommates, the people in my company; a lot of professional people in there, a lot of good people in there. My rats- Molly- you are great, just be confident, and know that the small things don't matter. Kris- you are a unique person, not afraid to be unique, and I love that. Narang, don't change; you care a lot about people- and that's an admirable quality. To everyone I've gotten to know- Colleen, Anya, the soccer team, the coffee breakfasts and the hour long suppers third class year with a crazy person who eats ketchup and syrup on eggs. To Laura, Amie-Anne, and everyone else I was blessed to know, who I was privileged to learn from; I love you all to bits, God Bless.
QED

2002: Heidi Mason
2008: Narang Choi, Molly Newton, Kris Pitzer
ROTC: Air Force
Major:Psycology



John M. Baber
Crozet, Virginia

I've been here so long, I think th
time to move
The winters so cold, summer's o
too soon
Let's pack our bags and settle do
where palm trees grow
I've got some friends, some that
hardly know
we've had some times, I wouldn
trade for the world
We chase these days down with t
of the places that we will go
We live on front porches and swi
life away,
We get by just fine here on minir
wage
If love is a labor I'll slave till the
end,
I won't cross these streets until y
hold my hand

-Rise Against

ROTC: Army
Major: Electrical Engineering

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Washington, DC

four years at VMI have given me
ny experiences that I will never
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nks to my friends in Delta and
course Company 421 (Rankin,
one, Cooper and Haenny)
rvived, becoming a fourth
ssman. I thank my Cadre; they
good leaders and friends and to
Dyke, Peter Sok, and my Uncle
kes, Dan, Jou and Lau, I will
ays consider you my friends.
rd class year was a stepping stone
ween being a rat and a second
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ond Class Year flew by with
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omething to always remember.
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aki, Breer and Larue, filled my
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ily. Though I was halfway around
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ny Academy, P' Chat, P' Neung,
Note, P' Noom, Pump, Gym and
t, helped me whenever I needed.
ally, thanks to the ECE professors
my classmates: Benny, Johnny,
l, Tom, Kurt, Jeng and Randy,
made it through together. I will
ays remember VMI and the many
nds I had.

02: Peter Sok
TC: Army
jor: Electrical Engineering

Robert D. Barbaree
Chesapeake, Virginia

Four years of trials and tribulations. Marc, since rat year you have been my best friend and brother I never had. From "running this place" as 3rds to dodging A1s: it's never been dull. Steve, we missed you in the room this year. Our antics weren't the same without you. 3rd and 2nd class years; Chris, Konto, Tim, Preston, Gee, Esau, and Rom-tightest two rooms in the history of the Institute, it wouldn't have been the same without you. Shore, Kirk, Preston, Greg, Mike, and Jarod: I'm glad we stayed as close as we did. We had a great group of codykes that represented C30 well. Joe, reunion tour? Couple of new songs, mostly old stuff. Brandon, Machhi, Jamaal, and Jeng:couldn't have asked for better rat roommates. GB fellas, we made it. C30, had a blast as neighbors this year. Jay, Will, and Brian; we pulled this motley crew together into an awesome room. Jay (gorilla-1), the F chord, it hurts my fingers. It's been fun, looking forward to flight school. Brian, (gator), thanks for the motivation on the axe, and one word: ehrah. Will, Mr. DuShahzoor, I guess graduation is inevitable, glad I got to know you man. You all are my closest friends. Zach, Teddy, Jedward, Tommy, and Steve; don't let this place get to you, value friends, and don't take it too seriously. Dad, Mom, Kelly, Gordon, Stacey, and Paul, thanks for your support.

2002: Reuben Trant
2008: Zach Carmen
ROTC: Navy
Major: International Studies

Blake P. Barnard
Alexandria, Louisiana

I would only like to thank those who have helped me out along the way and the great friends I have made, here for I am convinced this achievement no more belongs to me than it does to the following people. To my father who provided for me to be here and kept me focused. My mother who listened to my whiny stories for four years. You are both truly excellent parents and I have received nothing but the best from both of you. Secondly, to the other families who have adopted me for the last four years. The Melton, Feazelle and Coffman families: I could never repay all that you have given me, and I will never forget any of you.
To all of my roommates. Wes, you are a true brother to me. We never lost our rock 'n roll soul no matter how bad it got and I wouldn't have made it without you. After borrowing pretty much everything you had for four years and living through Third Class Year you continued to put up with me, thanks. Jeremy, best of luck in the Air Force I know you'll be an excellent officer. Ben, its been a long road since STP but we survived. You have been a very loyal and generous friend. To the rest of you all, Jason, Brad, Will, Josh and anyone I have forgotten, you were all crazy and sometimes scary friends but you all made my cadetship a truly unique experience.

ROTC: Navy
Major: History

John A. Beall
Peachtree City, Georgia

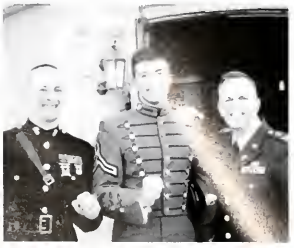
As I reflect, my feelings are mixed. The friends I gained are my most valued. Adam, Tripp, Frank, Ryan, Matt Smith, and Class of 2005 football and baseball teams, ya'll are the best men I've met. From day one in August with SGM Hockaday, to the long nights on the fifth floor of the Shipp, I will cherish every day. If VMI was the only way to meet y'all, I would do it over again. VMI is the most backwards place on earth. From the Commandant, to the Honor Code, there is a double standard behind every door. I'm ashamed to say that Col. Hutchings was in charge of a wonderful place with much potential. I never thought a single person had the capability to tear the heart and soul out of so many strong men. His leadership skills, and the fact that he is a Colonel, are the reasons I will not commission. Hopefully someday a man with the character of Col. Levenson will sit in the front desk. I do not believe that such a wonderful thing as the Honor Code should be conducted in secrecy and fear. This makes cadets prove their innocence, rather than having their guilt found. Rats, there are hundreds of ways to make it at VMI, do it your way. Find your friends and yourself, and NEVER sell either out. Future 5th Year men for life! "To live is to suffer. To survive, well that's to find the meaning in the suffering."
-Earl Simmons

2002: Shawn Lacks, Abraham Hughes
2008: Kurt Helfrich, Mike Maternick
ROTC: Army
Major: Buisness Economics

David M. Beehler
Leawood, Kansas

The Muse bless my wordy inscription while I write a humble valediction: I see the past, where our cadetships were forged by an iron caste, I see the present closing with haste, marking the finish to this immense race. Mark the grey havens of the unknown with precision, none of us know when we are undone by times decision: work your thoughts for a brief moment and remember what was: our darkest moments, and our finest hours, all have crafted an 05 legacy of two illustrious towers. I ponder thoroughly on events transpired, my own journey little will I say: by God's grace the Institute molded a better man today. Vile mentality and unworthy attitude early displayed by me: now fallen from my mind and thrown in an endless sea. To those I have lived with, profound gratitude and best wishes for life. Brandon Wheeler, Tim Riemann, and John Kite; Loyal Brother Rats, who stood by me in my hour of darkest strife, Chaplin and Mrs. Park did you an abundance of spiritual guidance bestow.
My family's steadfast love and dedication: have been an unwavering solid foundation. John and David, my rats and friends, stay humble, focused on the Lord, and you will succeed where I have failed in the end. I finish now with a heavy heart and tearful eyes, hey will brighten once again when we chant The Spirit's cry.

2002: Tony Liberato
2008: John Douglas, David Shedd
Nicknames: Beals, Beal Dog, Bee
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies



Lael E. Bellotti
Warrenton, Virginia

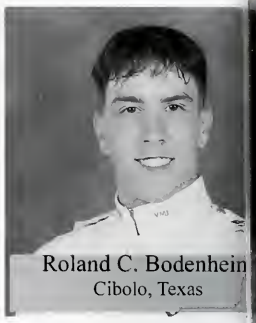
Well, its looks like the long haul at VMI is just about over. I hated being at this school as much as the next cadet, so I'm not gonna ramble on about this, that, and the other that could improve VMI. I'm only going to say that I hope my four year that I paid to the Institute, will bring me more benefits in the future than other normal college students. I think that I can honestly say that I had the coolest dykes in the Corps when I was a rat. I hope that I can live up to the expectations and be as good a dyke to my rat as mine was to me. To my parents, thank you so much for helping me through this whole experience. If I didn't have someone outside of VMI to complain to and receive advice from, I might have climbed the side of barracks and sat on the roof with a high powered rifle. To my Dyke Devon, you were the best Dyke I could have asked for, I know we'll be hanging out until we are old farts waiting for the grim reaper to come. To Nick and Marc, you guys were awesome.FUDS!!! To my Rat, stay strong, try to improve everyday, and keep those grades up or I will come back and beat you!! To the rest of the Rats, take care of each other, sometimes its all you have. I forgot one thing, NSIB!! Peace out.

2002: Devon Miller
2008: Andrew Stiles
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Preston R. Beverly
Monroe Towns, New Jersey

I'd like to start off by thanking God without him nothing is possible. Next, my parents, Randy and Sharon because without thier guidance and understanding I would never have made it to this point. Ok now that that's done, shout outs to my front side barracks roommates Konto, Esau, Steve, Rome, Mark, Tim, Donnie and Gee. Yall made 3rd and 2nd class year a blast. From movie night with stadium seating, freestyles about Da "I," Ace Combat, and NCAA Football Games. Even though we lost a lot along the way they will always live on in our memories, oohhh. Ian Dunlap and Josh Sullivan my first college roommates. You two always had me laughing, whether it was Sully complaining about how he was going to kill Montagna or Dunlap at his computer in his Army Dew-Rag. Bodi, my partner in crime, the sooner you get your soul back; the sooner I'll have a job for you. Tim and Sam we're the last of the Fearsome Five. We've always had each other's back through everything we've been put through, the good, the bad, the devil. Gee I've known you since STP and you've always been my road dog. From trips to JMU chicks sayin, " I Know U, Ur Preston, So U Must Be Gee." To Tech " Gee, do U Know Where Preston Is?" Abey I only got to chill wit you for a year but ur cool peoples in my book. For da whole class of '05 be safe in everything you do.

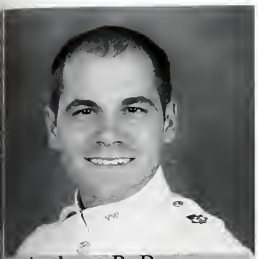
2002: Matt Blanchette
2008: Joshua Edwards, Scott Bacci
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Computer Science



Roland C. Bodenhein
Cibolo, Texas

If you are reading this I guess graduated… and as these won years have passed I would hav to say there is no place I woul rather be than the Virginia Stat penitentiary, I mean VMI. Per most importantly I want to tha my family: Mom and Dad for everything, Ebbie for resolving our endless problems (without whom perhaps none of us wou graduating), and Laura for allo us to crash all her parties. To m fallen brethren Caveman, Kyle and Ski it just wasn't the same without ya'll, Drunkles watch for that first step, Sambobo $1, please sir, Blake thanks for you helping me with my study habi Heese "BLAMM", Asian, Hen Timmy, Adam, Token, Lance E Austin, Nate, Vinyard, 2 –tone, Keith, Steve-O, and all ya'll ho it down for the GB's (to many name but you know who you a I am going to miss all y'all. If I could pass on any advice it wo be that, "Crap could ALWAYS worse." If it wasn't for all ya'll would be laying face down in a ditch somewhere! For VMI I r my glass and attempt to drink a the permanent mental anguish have caused me. Again to Mon Dad, Ebbie, and Laura: I finally finished, I love ya'll more than anything!
Sleep and studying 4

2001: Kevin Fields, Ebbie, Joh
2008: Derek Bryant, Jay Fitzke
Nicknames: Bodie, Bogee
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Computer Science



Anthony R. Boone
Newport News, Virginia

se last four years have been
icious; there is no denying that.
pausing here at the end, to look
at all the things I have done,
LONG journey was worth it all.
ndships were made that will last
etime. The first time I laid eyes
he forbidding façade of Barracks
s unexplainable drone to it, yet
ew then as I know now that I
d never do it alone. Without the
, support, encouragement and
ndship of my parents, my sisters
brothers and Elizabeth, I would
er have achieved this. Thank
dad for your excellent advice,
dom, and discipline. Elizabeth, I
't know how you put up with me,
I am blessed to have you in my
and I love you. I would never
ingly repeat the punishments
ve had to withstand the last 4
s, but I know with every fiber
ny being that I am a better man
ng endured them." Love knows
imit to its endurance, no end to
rust, Love still stands when all
has fallen."
Corinthians 13:7-8

2: Layne Fielder
8: Devon Nicely
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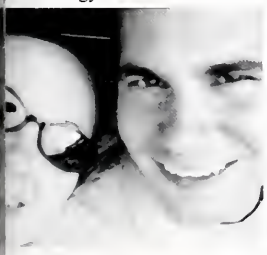
TC: Air Force
or: Biology



Lance C. Bourassa
Albuquerque, New Mexico

To my mama, I love you very much, if it weren't for your constant support, strength and love I would've never made it. Shawn, Yeah Bro! I love you, thank you for always being there and looking up to me, you inspired me to be my best. To my familia, I love you all and I thank you all for believing in me, without your inspiration I never would have had the endurance to last these four years. Thank you to all the people that adopted me these past four years while I was away from home, I love you all. And last, to my pops, I will always love you and I pray that you have found peace in your present state, you keep watchin' and I'll keep walkin.'

To my boys who I'll never forget: Orale! Cell 445, doods conquer France, Pegalle conquered doods. JDL II! His name was Greg Carlson. RAM, 2-Tone, Ski, 2-fitty gangst, He's the door watcher! Puff the magic…Gorilla? Schwilly and TCAI thanks for allowing me to believe "I think I can, I think I can, toot toot!" C-Burg, Donger and Mr. Jones, C-Dub, botellon & La Puta Madre! Long live Buck-fitty! My ten boys, record what? To the rest of my soccer vatos, get'er done! All you straight arrows keep shootin!' "How happy is the blameless Vestal's lot! The world forgetting, by the world forgot. Eternal sunshine of the spotless mind! Each pray'r accepted, and each wish resign'd." I'm out. Thank you all.

Nicknames: Lancers, LB, Dood
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Modern Languages

Brian K. Bowman
Mason Neck, Virginia

Unbelievable. We have finally reached the end. I have many of the feelings common with reaching a goal such as this, but one perhaps I have never associated with reaching a goal before. Uncertainty. Was this worth it? Would I go through this again knowing what I know now? I'll have to let that sit for a while. I do know that I have sung your blues, lost countless hours of sleep and sweated until I thought I could sweat no more. I have broken my back in service for this Institute only to see my efforts crushed by the inevitable steamroll of "change." I have also met outstanding individuals here who I know will go far. I have made friends for life. Talking…and complaining of the past four years with you will never grow old, as we are the only ones who understand it so well. At least for now, I believe our time was worth it in the end. But there is one thing I know for sure. I have beaten you VMI. Rats of 136, you have come a long way since we met. You still have a long and steep road ahead of you. Stay on that road and no matter what, hold on to two things: your honor and your backbone. Thank you Mom, Dad, Mary and Sinan for being the anchor not only during my time here, but also throughout my life. Time to start down another road.

2002: Ryan Manor
2008: Tim Bowman, Brian Corley
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: History

Alexander N. Boykin
Richmond, Virginia

Wow. It's been a long, arduous, and unforgiving road, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. I wanted to help make this place into the ideal we heard about in the "Old Corps." I will never forget the guys that went through this with me and got me through this place. We had some wild times. Seth, I was just telling a group of people the story of you eating a whole pack of those Listerine strips. To good old Club 413, Steve, Marc, and Brandon, we made it through some tough times. I wish the three of you the best of luck. Seth, Rob, and Sophien, we could not have asked for a crazier room. WillyD, Lawton, Tim, Saul, Jay, Ben, Chris, Ross, Matt, Jimmer, Seth, Will, Sam, John, Kurt, Shore, Kirk, Mike, Aaron, Murph, Justin, Henry, Felix, Chris, Derek, all the Delta Dogs: and anyone else I missed, you are the best bunch of guys out there and I couldn't have asked for better friends. Wes, I did 114 proud. Co-Dykes, we went through a lot, we'll do great things. Nicholas, work-hard and always do you best. Never be lazy. Erin, I couldn't have done it without you baby, I love you. To my Rats, Dawson and Michael, do us proud. Don't forget what we taught you. Life here is in the details and your attitude. Don't let this place get you down. Work hard, live by the Honor Code, attention to detail, take every opportunity you can, head-up and kick butt. Rah Virginia Mil.

2002: Wes Tatum
2008: Mike Wilson, Dawson Boyer
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Buisness Economics

Garrett T. Brickner
Fairfax Station, Virginia

Thanks to all my boys- Pager- TTBR for life, Stevie, Benny aka Ogre, and Coffman who helped get me through my classes with humor and to my track playas- especially Ty Denby, Bill Pearl, and Paul-Vince Oboun aka Black Samuri aka Prince (the fastest Kenyan ever). To the Rats Joe and Spencer- you both bring a smile to my face, I couldn't have asked for better. Carpenter and Swanny- your both townies like Ben- what's not 2 love? It's been a great four years and while most of you will be leaving I'll be here for a 5th- so visit. It seems time has flown since I arrived a soccer rat with Lolo, Donger, Austin, Clark and Shakes- (A Town Baby), Nate Dogg ...what happened to Chiddester?? Since then the track team has made me at home. Many thanks to Coach Bozeman and Webb for all the support and effort that you've given me over the many years and to my parents for traveling the world to watch me compete. Bill lost his ring in a drunken stumble down a hill, Page lost himself in many a shedet over the years, Steve always stayed strong and Ben loved his horse. Ty will go the farthest in his conquering the world, and hopefully will shoot me a job one day. Joe- please lord keep him off the streets! Spencer will always love the fat girls and loaves of bread. Prince- see you in the Olympics! I love all of ya'll.

2001: Paul Murphy
2008: Joe Brennan
ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology

Christopher D. Brooks
Shepherdstown, West Virginia

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."
-*Henry Ford* (1863-1947)
Mom and dad, you two are the reason I kept my eyes on the goal. Making it through VMI without your unconditional love and support wouldn't have been possible. Thank you so much for all the things you've done for me and know that I will always love ya'll.
Dick, Duke, and Henry, you guys are the best damn roommates a guy could ask for. VMI couldn't have been conquered without your friendship. I will always be there for you and enjoy the afterlife.
Members of baseball team and other friends, thanks for making the dull times fun. I hope you all are successful in life.

2002: Tim Friece, Jacob Ratchford
2008: Wimmer, Donaldson, DiDio
Nickname: Brooksy, CB, Sandcrab
ROTC: Army
Major: Modern Languages

Paul T. Bryan
Lexington, Virginia

Well after 22 years of listening to my family talk about VMI, I finally know what it's all about. In the past four years I've made some of the best memories and friends ever. From partying at three schools in one weekend, to setting a land speed record from Mary Baldwin with Ian, Oaks, and Dunc to make TAPS, to putting over 20,000 miles on my Blazer just by taking weekends, there've been some good times. To my roommates over the years, y'all have been a lot of fun. Even though you, Anthony, are one of the loudest yankees I've ever known, and always would wake me up late at night just by being yourself, Rob with the incredibly loud snore, and Henri with the whole space cadet thing – I still love you guys. Drew, you are one of the best friends I have ever had, and have always been there for me when I needed something. To D-Dogg, Ian, Dunc, Grundy, Jim R, Jefferson, Cheese, and all my other boys – stay cool! Finally to my family; everything about these last four years I ultimately owe to you. I can't express my love and appreciation enough for your support. Now to quote from Joshua 1:9, the verse that led me through these four years "Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

2002: Dave Ellington
2008: Grigg Mullen
Nicknames: PB, PEEB's, Pauly
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Civil Engineering

Steven L. Bryan
Mechanicsville, Virginia

Well it's been...(Sigh)...it was hanging out with everyone here oh wait I never hung out with a of you. All of you are really co people....oh wait, I was wrong Actually do I even go here, bec no one knew who I was. Shot-c to the administration who gave specials when I didn't do anyth PT's were off the chains and th helped me grown as a person. E I digress, honestly I am cool wi lot of people here, well some, a hope you all do well in the futu flourish. Now I'd like to apolog to my roommates Garrett Brick Robert Page, and Ben Hobbs w had to deal with this beast of a r for 2-3 years. Thank you for yo time...thank you.

2002: Lloyd Davis, Scuba Sam
2008: Spencer Kimori, Brett Carpenter, Joe Brennan, Eric Sw
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Biology

William C. Bryant
Lynchburg, Virginia

ould like to thank most ortantly my mother and my father. Without them I could not e made it. Derek, I know you l do well, I am proud that you t here. Brandon, don't worry your time here goes by quick. h of you all make most of the ortunities that are here. Sam, drew, Bodie, Ski, Eric, Adam, n, Tim, Kyle you guys are one kind, love you guys. Henry, at can I say? I'll miss tickling my an. Don't let the white man keep down. Libbi, you'll always be my heart. To the Hotel company as, ya'll are great and it has been honor to become friends with all. Pass on the spirit of Hotel mpany.

02: David Becker
08: Brandon Bryant
TC: Navy
jor: Business Economics

William C. Butt
Bedford, Virginia

We always called each other goodfellas. Like when somebody says, "You're gonna like this guy; he's all right. He's a goodfella. He's one of us." That's exactly what Will is, a Goodfella.
For the last four years I couldn't have asked for a better friend, roommate or Brother Rat. Will has always been there for people. When the Ratline got you down, he was there with a joke so you'd forget about straining. Third Class year when classes couldn't get any harder and break was months away, he was always there with a great story of his week-end escapades. After we got our rings, and turned 21, he somehow always walked me back to the "I" ensuring I found a rack for the night.
I will forget half the things I've learned in class and never remember the13-count manual of arms, but I won't forget the memories we've shared together. Playing the mile-marker game in a van using McDonalds cups, going to parents weekend sweat parties too drunk to walk, walking Form 24's in together for Ring Figure, and getting cut-off at the Comedy Club. Almost every story I have to tell of my tenure here at the "I" starts with my roomate Will. Thank you for getting me through this place, without you I wouldn't have made it. Best of luck, you'll be a great officer; you've already been a great friend.

ROTC: Air Force
Major: History

Austin C. Cam
Washington, DC

I don't know if I'm glad I came here, but I'm glad I made it through. Hopefully, one of these days I will come to appreciate the value of graduating from this place and not as the best years of my life wasted. There are too many things about this place that have disappointed me to list, but I'm glad to have met the people that I have, and form friendships that will probably last a lifetime. Additionally, I'm glad that I chose Economics & Business: I couldn't have asked for better professors. Economics has helped opened my eyes up some to how the world works. I'm thankful VMI has provided that for me. To my family and especially my mom, I know I've been aloof in more ways than one for these past 4 years, but thanks for sticking by me, supporting my choices, and helping me through one of the tougher periods of my life. To Joe my Townie rat, strive for excellence in all things, but above all do what makes you happy with your long term goals in mind (and lay off the squirrel and tators). To Tom my roommate since rat year and Scott my dirty bish cohort roommate since 3rd class year, thanks for being there, I couldn't have done this place without you guys. Anyways… peace out ya punks, till I come back in a few years for an alumni reunion where you'll have to convince me to open my wallet.

2002: Louis T. Wong
2008: Joseph McIntosh
Nicknames: El Camino, Chairman Mao
ROTC: Navy
Major: Business Economics

David G. Carroll
Windsor, Virginia

What I love about this place (and forgive the lack of originality) are the friends I've made and the daily grind that's made me who I am. Without either of these, I don't know how I might have turned out. Seth, I'll mention you first, because you'll fall asleep half way through this. You're a great guy, thanks for the friendship. Tim Berry, by the time this is printed you'll have died of old age. RIP (but thanks for the laughs and advice). Ron, thanks for being a great roommate & Co-Dyke. Streetman, Johnny, thanks for keeping me sane rat year. If we could have changed anything, we should have let Johnny throw Tucker out the window. (No hard feelings brother). Tuohy, you're probably playing games and smoking like a fish, enjoy. Ryan, ever since I met you during STP, I knew you were a sarcastic SOB; I envy your insight and wit, thanks for all the laughs. No matter how drunk, soapy, or naked you are, I'll still pick you up. How was Ring Figure Dussia??? I know am "SO IRRATIONAL!" but admit you love me for it. We made it. Waltrip, Japan; 'nuff said. Second class year rocked, got a ring, and a girlfriend (Thanks for everything Ling-Ling!); I guarantee I ran the block more than any of you reading this. Rats, I would tell you not to take this place too seriously, but I can already see you've mastered that. And of course, thanks Mom.

2002: Matt Brooks
2008: Matt Sheridan, Kevin Griffin
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Chemistry

Hao-Po Chang
Washington D.C.

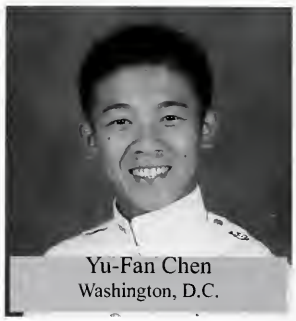
Life is a long journey. Life at the Institute is not only one of the toughest, but also the most unforgettable part of the journey. I have full of appreciation to my country, family, friends, dyke and my Brother Rats. It is you guys who supported me to get me through these past four years, and experience the VMI spirit. Thank you.
May god bless the Institute, the United States, and Taiwan - the Republic of China.

ROTC: Army
Major: Computer Science

Albert J. Chatwood
Springfield, Ohio

Carcinogenic goodness, embrace the suck, forever, better than life, Fong, 3 year Army scholarship, Airborne qualified, history major, 300 APFTer, Echo company four year private. Al started STP with roomemates Jon Cirillo and Aaron Childers, becoming friends fast. Memories include movies uptown and walking to Kmart. The Ratline began with Al fooling Cadre by changing from glasses to contacts everyday. He lived in 427 with Iliadas, Parsons, Weishaar, and the first Rat rolled, ending rat year with an Army scholarship, and switching from CE to HI. Third Class year in 392 roommates Cirillo, Cunningham, Kreckman, together ever since. Barcocy (Gollum) leading Ranger Challenge brought pain. Spring brought SCUBA, which Al quit for an Airborne slot. Second Class year, room 204, a big ring, a pretty disappointing date, bar-fight at the Mirage and more Ranger Challenge pain. Thanksgiving brought 115 demos, and L-Train working for Als suspension. Al and Jon were 21 at this point using the Corps Trip to be sentinels and go drinking. MS3 PT/ Land NAV brought the pain. Ruck marches during Finals and Dead Week got Al ready for Selection and Jon for AO! 104, Toyota Tacoma, Wild Turkey, shotguns, Ranger Challenge, commissioning, graduation, faith in Christ, Psalm 63: 7. KILL!

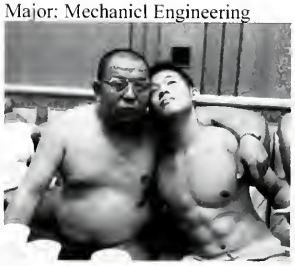
2002: Matt Cichy
2008: Chris Brower, Kyle Burchett
ROTC: Amry
Major: History

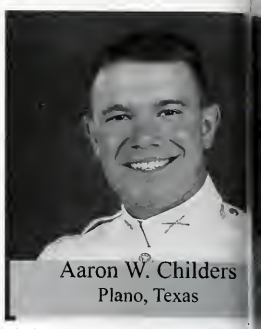


Yu-Fan Chen
Washington, D.C.

"Always has a smile on his face…"-- -Smiling Yu-Fan

2002: Ming-Ching Jou
2007: Zi-Wei Lin
Nicknames: Yu-Fizzel for Sizzel my Nizzel
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanicl Engineering





Aaron W. Childers
Plano, Texas

It is hard to summarize 4 years, possibly five, in such a short paragraph. I am not really sure
I wanted when I came to VMI,
I know a diploma was on the lis
can still remember talking with
dykes the night after Hell Week.
took at lot of prayer and late nig
but I am still here. I have taken
lot from this place, metaphorica
speaking of course, but thinking
it is the friendships that are reall
what makes VMI tolerable. I wi
always remember my roommate
the fun times we had; (room 165
are included as well). It was rea
a pleasure to have the S-3 staff;
they were always ready to act w
things went down-hill. I always
wanted rank but I really learned
lot from that position. I will neve
forget *The Cadet* staff. Any nigh
you were up there, there was alw
someone awake and coffee brew
in the office. I didn't come to V
with the intention of working on
the newspaper. Things just kind
worked out that way, and I am gl
they did. Together we really turn
the paper around. Good luck to a
of the guys commissioning, I ha
a feeling we are going to need it.
all of the professors and my pare
thank you for your support. Fina
to my Rats; don't ever let anythi
beat you down.
"If you are reading this, take a haydown."

2008: Devin Millson, Lynn Lars
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies

Jonathan D. Cirillo
Casanova, Virginia

? Roommates: Albert J. ıtwood, Aaron Childers. Fights ı townies during STP almost got :s run over by gigantic jeep. ne to VMI like everybody else a little nervous but still ready neet the challenges. Signed the k. Enjoyed the CQRB workouts ı Pederson. Very late night bible ly with Doug Dobbins every ht last half spring semester 4th ss year.
estling Match with Garth Best Cocke Hall at the Rat Challenge nic, ran through the RDC to get a h-bag for Al for FTX at ıries: three torn ligaments in left le, one torn ligament in right le, concussion. USMC PT Scored 110 points in one year- 251 T SOME! Navy Surface Warfare-ear scholarship, Navy Chaplaincy uture Trips to Richmond, posed to Christi Buckman at ner before the Ring Figure Ball, ting married May 21st 2005, low truck $600 what a deal k marches with Al for Selection. miles with 75lbs in 7.5 hours get ready for AO Fleet Week nmer Cruise
! High Adventure Counselor-dership experience
orite Verses: Psalm 27:1-5, llipians 4:13

2: Derrick Bodkin, Josh Frank
8: Stuart Montgomery, Dennis rbin
knames: Grandpa, Big Red
TC: Navy
jor: History

Kyle B. Clark
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

Well it has been a long four years at VMI, and I just want to say I met some great people here. I may not have enjoyed much of my time here, but friends made it all worthwhile. The soccer boys meant a lot to me. I loved being part of this team with all the guys from past years to the ones now. I must say you made my time at VMI so much better. All the '05 guys on the team I will miss you. I will miss playing and just being around each of you. Shakes and King you guys are the best. Saul and Tim, my roommates from rat year, you guys always had a way to make this place better. Tim always making me laugh with ticky and just being yourself. Saul you were always willing to do anything for anyone, you are an amazing man. Mark and Brandon roommates since 3rd Class year, you guys have been great. Those who need to be recognized are: Willy D., Karnes, Lawton, and Coleman thanks for all the laughs and good times.

2002: John Simmons
2008: Jason Hubble
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Adam J. Clift
Norfolk, Virginia

I want to thank my parents for all the support they've given me over the past four years (as well as the previous 18). Without the week-end breaks, exam snacks, encouragement, and financial support, I couldn't have made it through this place sane. Ami, thank you for always being there for me and helping me with anything I needed.
Rooms 134, 152, 150, 132, 130, and everybody else…thanks for all the good times. Fitting eleven people in Kyle's blazer every week-end to go to JMU or staying at school and trying to avoid trouble were some of the best times I've had. Thanks to the JMU ladies for letting us stay at your apartment every week-end without paying rent. Tim, for your original idea to become rich, try using something with a banana. you seem to have a lot of applications for them. Tom, looks like we're going to graduate completing the AFU, we're going to have to do it in the "Blue." Blake, quit looking for a job, you should already have one.
Everyone that studied in SS 510, you all are the smartest and hardest working people I encountered at VMI. Without you guys, I would have had a lot harder time with engineering. I wish you the best and know you will be successful.
I hope that my legend will carry on at VMI through the Croquet Team and remember, "it's just a d*ck."

2002: Wayne Kendrick
2008: Andrew Calvo
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Anthony A. Cochet
Yorktown, Virginia

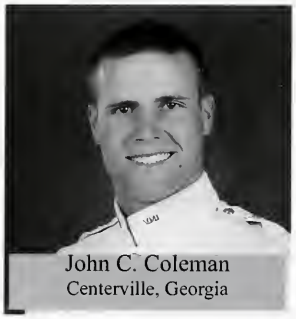
The minute amount of time I have spent on the hill has changed me more than any event in my life. During my tenure, I've gained respect and dedication towards virtues like honor, civility and integrity. The most important piece of knowledge that I, and all others who stay the course through this tumultuous place, have discovered is simple. We will graduate knowing very well who we are, not who we pretend or wish to be. Hopefully, we will leave this little valley in the Virginia hills and show to all that real person we found. I couldn't imagine a greater teacher then VMI. Despite all its shortcomings, insufficiencies and contradictions, it could not provide us with the same outcome without them. VMI is a test we all take differently. We find help from different sources: we answer different questions-many right and many wrong-but we all pass with the same mark. I know I couldn't have made it on my own. I needed Brian and Jeff, those two other teenagers in 471 to get through Ratline. I needed my parents to keep the guiding light burning bright, even when it was hard to see. I needed my Rats, to keep me true. I needed Mary Kathryn, just when she came into my life, and I know I will need her for the rest of it, she is the most special of all treasures. Thank you for being the joy in everyday. I will love you always.

2002: Tim Brennan
2008: Nathaniel Brown
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Biology

Jeremy R. Coffman
Burke, Virginia

In any endeavor you should give credit where credit is due. Casey, in some weird way I always knew you would appear in this, but thanks for giving me a second chance to mend a broken friendship. Rats of 128 thanks for rolling up the hays. Tim stay on course and you'll do fine. To my close friends, Rob and Clarke thank you for providing me a sanctuary at your schools on the week-ends. To the Taylors, your warm living room and delicious meals kept me alive for 4 straight years. I will never forget Tangerine and of course the Fiver (yes L-Train I had ***2 HIGHLY ILLEGAL BMWs IN COUNTY*** for 2 straight years as an underclassman and there's not a thing you can do about it). To my BR's: Brick keep your head on straight, for one more year, Wes and Blake; you are great guys and the world's a better place for having you two in it. Good luck to you after this place, I know you'll have a positive effect wherever you go. Dudes, I'm glad to have you on my staff. Finally to my family, thanks for paying the bills, and most of all your unwavering support and love to get me through this wretched place.
"But the dawn has come into the endless night
And everything's gonna be alright."
-311

2002: Ken T Collins
2008: Tim Neal
Nicknames: Curls
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Psychology



John C. Coleman
Centerville, Georgia

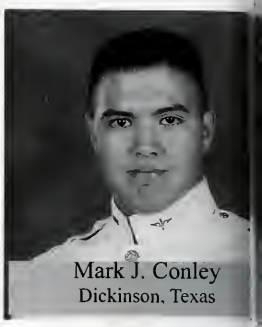
If it hadn't have been for my family I never would have made it through this place. Mom and Dad, your support was always awesome; thanks for always being the people that I could depend on.
To all my friends, good luck in the future! Oorah!!! ~

ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Business Economics

Scarlett M. Collins
La Vergne, Tennessee

I could not possibly sum up four years in 250 words. I encourage everyone to never forget who you are and what you stand for. You know what right looks like. Some people do not do the right thing, but never let that stop you from doing it. You are the only one responsible for what you do. Your choices may effect others, but you are the one that must be accountable to those choices.
My favorite quote I found while at the Institute came from Eleanor Roosevelt, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." Do not let anyone else tell you who you are.
To my family, I told you my dreams, and we made them happen despite the odds being against us.
To the Class of 2005, it has been a long time since August 20, 2001. We had a tough Ratline, a great Ring Figure, strong First Class leadership, and soon enough we will be VMI graduates.
To all my close friends, you know who you are. There just is not enough space to write all that I would like to. You are the best people I know.
To the 149 Rats, you helped make my First Class year what it was. You will all do well here. Form your own ideas about this place, but at least keep what we taught you in the back of your minds.
James, I love you, and I cannot wait to marry you on May 21, 2005.

ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology



Mark J. Conley
Dickinson, Texas

These past years at VMI have definitely been an adventure. Ev though there have been many a rough time to get to the final milestone of my cadetship, I wo not want to trade it for anything. Even if the bad times out-numbe the good, it doesn't measure up t the good things that have happer from burning bugs, to our nights picking up girls. I would like to some space to thank those that h gotten through here because wit them, this would have been a ro ride or I would not be writing thi right now. My parents are first because without them, this woul not have been possible. To those who visited me all the way from Great State of Texas, ya'll definit have a special place in my heart showing how much you really ca To my Brother Rats most of all though, since we have all been in together from the start to the finis Gibby, one day you will achieve. Doug, may the fleas of a thousan camels infest your armpits. To m Rats, wishing you the best in you endeavors are VMI and beyond. I of luck to all those who have pas through Jackson Arch resolving t whatever they resolve to be.
GOD BLESS TEXAS

2002: Frank Slavin
2008: Keith Jones, Sean Ruppert
Nicknames: The Colonel, Fak F
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Allen M. Coones
Knoxville, Tennessee

t of all I would like to thank my n, dad, and the rest of my family, out them I would never have n able to matriculate at VMI. I ld also like to thank my friends, ecially those that have taken in when I could escape from Institute, like Jessica. Finally, uld like to thank my Brother s for all their help and the good es. I will always remember roommates Billy, David, Rob, rlie, and Kurt from clubs 350, , 265, and 165, and my rats ke and Max. Billy, you were best roommate and friend a guy ld ask for. I'm surprised we ived living together for 4 years. pe you get over your fear of pires soon. David, Rob, Charlie, Kurt I hope life brings you the t. To all of my other BR's I hope you are all successful no matter t you choose to do. To all of you join me in our nation's military, we fight hard and protect our ion.

02: Freaky Mills
08: Drake Watts, Max Colella
cknames: Buff Daddy
TC: Air Force
jor: Biology

Kenneth W. Cooper
Monroeville, Pennsylvania

"I treasure sweet old memories, as the time goes swiftly by. A few bring smiles of happiness and some tears to the eye…" VMI, I remember reading a quote on a desk in New Science during Rat Chemistry, "VMI, hate to be here, love to be from here." At the time I said to myself, "That's pretty negative, why don't they wanna be here?" Two hours later, I was on my face on the second stoop, I found out why. I can't express enough thanks to the people that helped me get through this place, Mom, Dad, Jennie, and of course all my Brother Rats. I'll never forget the sweat, tears, and laughter we shared through our experiences here at the "I." To my roommates, guys it was a BLAST, we had to have some of the craziest road trips and Spring Break's. To my Ring Figure date, the rumor is true most never will speak to their Ring Figure dates again, oh well, I had a banging time. To the entire class of 2005, take care, God bless, and never forget the best class ever to go through barracks. "…These dear old, sweet old memories all play their special part in bringing joy and opening up the latch strings of the heart."

2002: Tony Liberato
2008: Edward Griffith
Nicknames: Coopie-Poopie
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Civil Engineering

Mildred M. Cooper
Gretna, Virginia

Thank God it is over. It has been four long years and without him I could not have made it. I would like to thank my mom and sister for making those half and hour trips to see me and be at every special event in my cadetship. I love you guys with all my heart. I can not forget the rest of my family and friends who have supported me along the way. To my Rat (Lil One) keep ya head up, lol, and you can make it through, so just holla at me whenever you need me, and I'll be there for you. Thanks to my coaches for putting up with someone like me for this long. I did not have many friends here but thanks to the ones I did have (Pam, Shelly, Ketra, Ashley, Aarika '04, and my current roomies) without you guys my cadetship just would not have been the same. Thanks for everything keep in touch because I'm getting up out of here.

2002: Tasha Jones
2008: Mellisa Arellono
Nicknames: Coop, Mo
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Jonathan K. Corrado
Cincinnati, Ohio

Potent, sometimes miserable, and certainly unforgettable; VMI is a stepping stone that will never be eclipsed. Who thought a big city Yankee would come to this small southern school, survive four years, and graduate? VMI will always have a place in my heart, and I will sincerely miss it.
Mom and Dad, I could have never made it without you. Jared, Jeff, Machhi, and Yu-Fan, I couldn't have asked for better friends and roommates. Johnny, Trey, and Andy, thanks for the crazy times in F-burg. Laird, Adam, Fish, Fitz, and Justin, thanks for all the ridiculous study breaks and ME good times. SGT Wineman: best lifting partner ever. LTC Hardin, thanks for your support and encouragement throughout mechanical engineering. SGM Neel, thank you for your support throughout my cadetship. Rats of room 122, you have the potential to be great; work hard and you will be. Rat mass of 2005+3, you are the future of this school, take it to heart. Continue to make this school better. Don't become narrow-minded, look at the whole picture and make decisions accordingly. To my 2004 buddies, Chino and Linco, thanks for the encouragement, lifting expertise, and a great Second Class year. Piano Key Neck Ties, Six Up, Ace, the Woo Woo, Romeo Tango, shocks, pegs, lucky, and last but not least RTBR. "Knibb High Football Rules!"

2002: Alex Haseley
2008: Farroll Campbell
Nicknames: Roids, JC
ROTC: Navy
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Boyd A. Correll
Charlotte, North Carolina

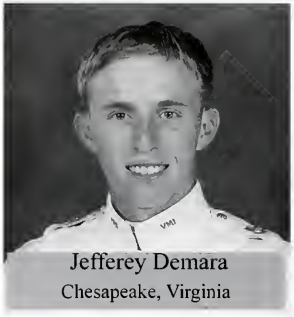
"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." I was looking for a pithy saying of some sort to place as an epigraph to my "First Class Bio" and since Robert Frost and Henry V were (I am sure) already taken, I looked to one of my favorite personages for some proverb or pronouncement. The above sentence really is, in my view, the quintessence of VMI. It's easy to focus on the negative aspects. As a cadet the easy road is simply to endure, but the truly difficult task, the admirable one, is to find the lesson learned; to see the positive side of the challenges afforded us. Be the optimist. Seek the opportunity embedded within the dilemma. VMI has done much for me. It taught perseverance, it taught creativity (thanks Col. Levenson for listening to my absurd manner of answering specials), and above all it taught us how to get along with one another in such close quarters. To VMI, do not forsake your traditions in the name of public opinion and political correctness; our way is the better way. To professors and coaches, thank you for your interest in me, even when perhaps I didn't feel it was warranted. Most importantly to friends and roommates, Dykes and Rats, thank you for your guidance, companionship, and camaraderie, this place would have been

2002: Jeff Stoner
2008: Chris Duane, Shane Nunes
Nickname: The Great Correllio
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Steven M. Cunningham
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania

My time at VMI has come to an end, and soon I will be commissioning in the Army. I can't wait.
Thank you for all the support that I have recieved over the years; it has really meant a lot to me.
Good luck everyone, take care, and hope to see you in the future. ~

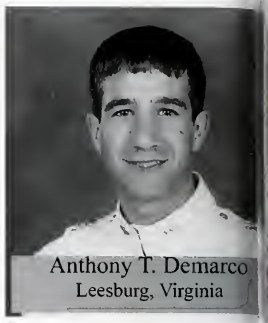
ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology



Jefferey Demara
Chesapeake, Virginia

Roomates you've been awesome, and I will never forget any of the crazy times that we had. Good luck in the future!
I can't wait to come home, and leave the mother "I" behind. It's been great, I'm out. ~

ROTC: Air Force
Major: Buisness Economics



Anthony T. Demarco
Leesburg, Virginia

To my brothers Michael, Tommy and Christopher thank you for th frequent visits and support. You embody the loyalty that all broth should. I love you with all my he Mom and Dad, I couldn't have a for better parents. My goal from one was to make you proud, I ho I succeeded. Thanks for everythi you have done for me. To my Nil you are the best girlfriend in the world. Paul, I might not have ma without your help. I will never fo all that you and your family did f me. Rob, without you I certainly wouldn't have graduated. You ris it all for me on several occasions If everyone had a roommate like you this school wouldn't be so ba Major Hopkins and Ms. Broomal without your help and guidance n success here would be questionat My Dykes Ronnie, Laff, C-Mo, and Graham you instilled in me wisdom that most cadets don't ev know exists and in doing so made me a double COOL guy. To my close friends, I will never forget t secrets we kept and the risks we took for each other. We were apar of something special. For us, loya came first and that's the way it should be. I mean it guys, thanks everything.

2002: Ron Sebeck
Nickname: Romeo
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Ty E. Denby
Scottsville, Virginia

l, most would say that it has been early unbearable, long journey to where we are today, and I would e with some. But as I look back r the last four years I don't know re the time went. This has been fastest four years of my life. eit, not the most pleasant four s, but I have several memories will last a lifetime.
ould just like to thank my nmates for always being there me, and all of my BR's for their lty. It's been fun, and I wouldn't e these past four years for thing. Good luck to everyone and gratulations…we've earned it!

2: Jeff Prausa
8: Kurt Able, Kevin Sullivan
TC: Air Force
or: Chemistry

William K. DeShazor
Richmond, Virginia

Looking back, I'm not sure why I came to VMI but I think it was mainly to follow my brother, Christian. Christian you were a great example for me and were always there. To my parents and family, thanks for everything. I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to grow up around. Whatever my reason for coming here was, I am glad I did and I wouldn't trade it for the world. I'd like to say thank you to the guys who made this place great. From the 4th stoop to the Concourse, it's been a blast. I don't think there is one thing here we haven't laughed about. Priemo, Saul, Donnie, Gorski, Marc, KG, Donger, Shakes, Android, the Freeman gentlemen, Lenzi, Corrado, the Stokes', Hak, Parsons, and everyone else, you guys are the best. To Jay and Will Ray, you guys were probably my two best friends here, though you are complete opposites. Jay we had awesome times together at the "I" and in Wilmington. Will, you are my confidant. We spent countless nights up late on the roof and in the office just thinking, talking, and getting mad. To the men of the Honor Court, it has been a privilege to know you and to work with all of you. No matter how grim things look, never lose your passion for the Truth. To Tommy and the Rats, don't forget what we taught you. I'm sure you'll do great things.

2002: Jackson Castleberry
2008: Tommy Cunningham
Nicknames:The Kid, Willy D
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Buisness Economics

Jason D. Devine
Flemington, New Jersey

Hopefully later in life when I look back I will be able to say that my four years here were the best in my life. Even as a cadet I can say I have enjoyed every year here. I enjoyed every minute of the Ratline and will never forget my cadre….we had a good time together. For the roommates of 3 years, Dan and Brandon, I am sorry you never switched to real majors and that you're going to spend the rest of your lives in uniform. Brandon, I hope you figured out what you want to do, stay awake to do it. Dan, well.hopefully at some point you'll get you're feet off the ground. You guys have been great friends and always made the rough days a little smoother. For Mom and Russ, thank you for providing me the opportunity to experience this great place, and for your continuous encouragement. My brother Jeff, thanks for always giving me something to look forward to whenever I was home. To the grandparents, thank you for your support, I could always count on you to be there when I needed you. And finally, I would like to thank VMI athletics for teaching me to never give up, even when everyone gives up on you.

ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Sean K. Dixon
Chesapeake, Virginia

Unlike most cadets, I will leave the "I" in May of 2005 with a great deal of sorrow. Through all the good times and bad, I don't regret a single moment spent in the four walls of barracks, in spite of the fact that all too many were spent on confinement. I will never forget my rat roommates, Mark and Dan, representing "G company sir!", as well as the intense debates sparked in rooms 376 and 276 with the outspoken communist (Josh), the Yankee from NYC (Pete) and my philosophical combatant (Chris). My First Class year proved to be just as enjoyable thanks to great roommates (Big T, Ruch, and Easy), and a great rat (Adam). Equally memorable are the countless blurry nights spent sneaking off post and going to W&L Frat parties with Pete, Alex, and Brandon. It is with the greatest pride that after almost four years of this practice, I am able to say I never got caught. VMI, however, was not all good times. I would like to thank my entire family, and my mom in particular, for their relentless support in the most difficult of times. Throughout the ratline, a bad case of Mono, two broken noses, and numerous struggles with academics, all stayed with me without exception. VMI truly can be the loneliest place on earth, but with family like mine, it never has to be.

ROTC: Air Force
Major: Psychology

Douglas C. Dobbins
Richmond, Virginia

"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith."
– Philippians 37-9 ESV

ROTC: Army
Major: History

Micheal Dongieux
Richmond, Virginia

Well it's over, so much time has gone by and yet it seems like I am still sitting in JM Hall waiting to have my name called out and become part of my company. It's been a long road but a good one. I hope that all my BR's have great success in the future! Hard-work truly pays off, and now it's time to reap the benefits of a gruelling four year education. ~

ROTC: Air Force
Major: Chemistry

Matthew R. Dowdy
Richmond, Virginia

Four years at this place have gone by so much faster than I ever imagined they could. I could have never made it through Rat Year without my family and their support. Mom and Dad, you helped me more than you can ever know. 3rd Class year and the academic Ratline was a bit rough, but with the help of some great roommates making me laugh, and a big room that made it easy to conceal a little in-barracks drinking, I got through that too. Getting the ring and leaving to spend second semester in Madrid made 2nd Class year pretty nice. And now I've come full circle and have a Rat of my own.
This place has shown me a lot of what bad leadership can be. One of the truest things I ever heard was in my own Dyke's Bio. His father told him that you can tell a lot about a person by how they treat someone that can do them no harm. This place changes everyone so much, some good, some bad, but the one sure thing is that EVERYONE who comes here is profoundly affected by their VMI experience; and none of them are the same. Some of us came for sports, some for the Ratline, some for commissions, but we all share the common bond of coming to this place, complaining about it for 4 years, but for whatever reason, never leaving. "Lately it occurs to me.What a long, strange trip it's been."

2002: Tom Schillo
2008: Jeremiah Shenefield
Nicknames: The Dowd, Hooker
ROTC: Navy
Major: Biology

Matthew P. Dowler
Parkersburg, West Virgini

Remember when you were in g school and your dad told you if weren't a good little boy he wo send you to a military school? sure do! Look at me now…wh would have thought? To all of friends and family who support me through my endeavors here the Institute, I salute you! To th roomies: Call me when you ne bail money…I will expect the s from you when the time comes may not have enjoyed my 4 ye prison sentence, and I may not learned that much, but one thin did learn is that the men I share my jail cell with will always ha drinking buddy as long as I wal earth. This place really isn't tha with a little booze, a few girls a the way, and a little help from r friends…it was a fun and intere journey. Next Chapter: **LIFE!!!**

ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology

Jason M. Downs
Marshall, Virginia

ave often thought of what I would as I bid farewell to the Institute, en without ease. Before I begin ust first thank God and my nily. Without them, this would e been impossible. I wish I ld say that in my four years at MI, every initial expectation I had e met. Unfortunately, in many ys, VMI fell short of meeting se expectations. Yet others far eeded that which I could ever e imagined. Our Code of Honor, reakable bonds of friendship, l lessons taken from these walls things that have truly molded and will remain with me. To the s of S-14, it's been a pleasure. I e you took everything we taught to heart, it will carry you farther n you know. Throughout my letship, I have often encountered phrase, "the death of the titute." I would say that I have yet witnessed such a thing thanks he upstanding character of some the finest men within the Corps, ich I can proudly call my friends. as been an honor. To the men the Honor Court, I don't believe t I will be given the privilege of rking with such a fine group of n. Thank you. I have exceedingly sed this place…and for good son. But with far more passion I proud to say that I am apart of s well-kept secret in the mountains Virginia.

02: Keith Graham
08: Sean Thompson
ckname: Big D
DTC: Marine Corps
ajor: History

James C. Driggs
Mechanicsville, Virginia

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."
-*Footprints*
I began this journey atVMI for reasons unknown to me, probably the wrong reasons in the larger picture. However, it was not those reasons that kept me here. I contribute my graduation and other accomplishments to the support from my family, my love, my roommates, Coach Bill Nicholson, and my Brother Rats. Without you, I would not be the man I am today. Thank you for carrying me.
SWIM TEAM: GO IN HARD, COME OUT WET

2002: Ryan Hickey
2008: Philip McCloskey, Barrett Way
ROTC: Army
Major: Biology

Jarred W. Drown
Ellicot City, Maryland

To the rat roommates, the Co-Dykes (you're included Jared), the Dykes, the room 33 boys, the Rerucha party crowd, the Drown house Kenny Chesney crowd, my football tailgate crowd, the City Steaks and Subs goers, the hot wing beer and bowling goers, my racquet ballers, and all of my rats.
To all my buddies from VMI, from Fredericksburg, and Lexington. Thanks because you all have made these last four years into what will become some of the most memorable times of my life. Well, thanks guys and I hope to see most of you around.
And thanks mom and pop for all your support and generosity. You guys made this possible for me. I love you guys and I appreciate all you have done.

2002: Matt Serra, Christian Collamore
2008: Chris Beyer
ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology

Michael J. Duerr
Richfield, Minnesota

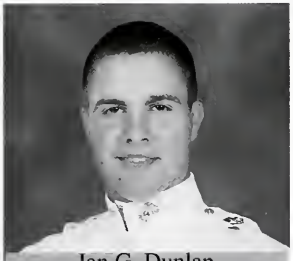
If you're reading this, then it means I've passed International Economics in the Fall and for some reason yet unknown…I have graduated from VMI. It's funny how four years can go by so quickly and produce so many changes in one's life. I think I've run both ends of the spectrum from emotions to insanity at my time at the Mother "I." I've accumulated many stories and memories I can only begin to recall as I sit here at my desk on the first stoop. To my rat Jonathan and the rest of the III rats, keep your heads up and come out swinging. I hope you all will remember what the roommates and I taught you and hold true to the ideals and morals we passed on.
To the roommates Mike, Will, and Nigel I don't think I would have changed a single thing when it came to living with you guys, all I can say is that it's been a pleasure to live in such unhealthy and close proximity to all of you. Kurt, Justin, Henry, and the rest of Tiger Echo, I couldn't have picked a better group of fellow miss adjusted youths to spend my college years with. So this is it, the end of my stint at VMI. I've served my time, and squared with the house. I'll give a finale handshake to those that I knew and a salute to those who trained me, that's how I roll.

2002: Tri Tang
2008: Jonathan Roland
Nickname: The Voice of Reason
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies

Brian E. Duncan
Reva, Virginia

"There is no need to suppose that human beings differ very much one from another: but it is true that the ones who come out on top are the ones who have been trained in the hardest school." -*Thucydides* These are the words that state who we are and what we've accomplished throughout this experience. I can honestly say, without reserve that I have met the greatest people and group of future leaders I have and will ever know. In all of the chaos that I've experienced in the past 4 years it's been my roomies and friends who've made coming here worth while. Without you guys I couldn't have kept my sanity through it all. Ian, Jeremy, Oaks (The Man), Derek, Dowler, Dicky, Ben, Jon, Cheeze, Matt, Wells, and Jeff (Snookums), and Paul you guys are the greatest, thanks for everything. Memories of the S-8, never ending pizza boxes, the "General," nights at "Dirty R," Vixens, and PBR will always provide me with a few good laughs to get me through the years. To my rats, I only hope that I have somehow given you enough knowledge and wit to get you guys through the years that you will spend here and provided a few good times to reflect back on. Remember what you've learned here. That means both the good and bad stuff alike and you will do okay. To everyone in the Class of '05 I have one word to say.....pals. Isaiah 41 10-13

2002: David L. Brown
2008: Chase Dunlap and Bryan Evans
ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology



Ian G. Dunlap
Woolwine, Virginia

So there I was, strapped to my rack, covered in motor oil...So much can be said about my four year experience at VMI. I will not pretend to write anything profound here, just a few random thoughts that I'm writing up at the last second. I want to thank God for all the blessings that I have been given in life. Foremost among those blessings is my loving family, I would be nothing were it not for their love and support. To my roommates, Brother Rats, Rats, and fellow cadets...to list a handful of you by name would not do justice. All of you that I have come to know in these four tumultuous years have impacted my life and I am a better person for having known each and every one of you. I have long since realized that I will forever miss the brotherhood and camaraderie that I have been privileged to experience within the walls of arracks. The four years I have spent inside these walls have undoubtedly brought me into contact with the greatest people I will ever know. We have been through it all together and looking back, I don't know that I would change anything about it. The times we have shared have been unforgettable, the girls, the parties, all the girls, the trips, the good times, I won't ever forget them, God Bless.
'For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required."
-*Luke 12:48*

2002: Brian Kornet
2008: Jarrett Moran
ROTC:Marine Corps
Major: History

Alexander J. Dunoye
Tai Hang Hong

Our beloved Institute, so archaic, so Spartan. Rarely a day passed without some obstacle to overcome. Emotions constantly stretched, basic freedoms withheld. Humiliated by the egos of others, unable to stand-up for what you believe in because you must remain polite. One inescapable question has consistently taunted me: why VMI? The reason I came to the Institute evaporated, yet I remained. I once believed I was paralyzed by the fear of quitting. I must confess the answer is pride. Even in my most depressed hours of the Institute, I could not deny the immense pride I felt for VMI. This Institution does not just give you a liberal education, but more significantly an education on life and leadership. Despite constant frustrations, I will leave VMI proud of my choice and with few regrets. I am indebted to many for the experiences of my cadetship. Even though my family was located on the other side of the planet, their care was always noticeable. Their calming sense and bright outlooks made my cadetship more endurable. I must also thank my Dyke: his excellent influence set the tone for my success. My roommates were a light in a dark hole. I am extremely grateful for rugby, my motor at the Institute. As my roommates know, rugby was the root of my ecstasy and misery. I advise those matriculating to put their heads down, brace for impact and drive on.

2002: Joe Williams
2008: Peter Blades, Ryan Kennedy
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: History

Jeffrey W. Durham
Forest, Virginia

The last four years at VMI hav certainly changed me for the b Although I've strived to do thi right by God, and often failed, His grace I believe I have com closer to the kind of man that I should be. Thanks to my Dyke taking time to listen, teach, anc caring about my success. Thar my family for their everlasting even when they probably thoug that I had died when I hadn't c in a while. Heather, I love you more than words can express a I could have not faced each da here without knowing you wou be there to support me. Thank for your love and thoughtfulne I'm so glad that you've been a share these four years with me, hopefully many more to come. I will never forget the memorie and people, good or bad, who made an impression on me thes four years. For all my roommat and friends, for the fun times w had and thanks for being there me. Rats of 185, I hope that I h served you well as a mentor an as a friend. I am honored to hav everyone of you as my Rats. I k you will always strive to do yo best and I hope that I have help you in that endeavor. Continue, make your Dykes proud and ne forget "You may be whatever y resolve to be."
-*Stonewall Jackson*

2002: Kevin Zirkle
2008: Jon Gunter, Will Flathers,
Nicknames: Snookums, Jeffie
ROTC: Air Force
Major: International Studies

Matthew A. Dussia
Chesapeake, Virginia

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s for the shared experiences we
e faced in the last four years.
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ned here will remain as we part
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ll not hesitate to see each other
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oast; it is not arrogant or rude. It
s not insist on its own way; it is
irritable or resentful; it does not
ice at wrongdoing but rejoices
the truth. Love bears all things,
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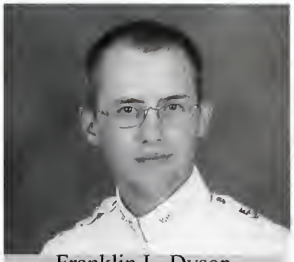
TC: Air Force
ajor: Chemistry



Franklin L. Dyson
Amherst, Virginia

I'm still here, that's more than most people thought I could do. Andrew, I wish you would have put some effort into being a Dyke. On that note, this is why I tried to be the best Dyke I could be. And here is the last secret I can give you while I'm here; It never gets easier here. Rory, Sean, John Fisher, Matt Woyansky, Jeff, and Andy; ya'll are some of the best friends I could ask for. I am glad I had the opportunity to meet all of you. Cody, you are still my best friend from cross-country from high school to First Class. This place changed me. My cadre broke me down and rebuilt me. I learned that honor is not just about avoiding lying, cheating, or stealing. It is about doing the right thing or possessing virtues like integrity, fortitude, prudence, and justice. And sometimes the right thing to do is taking the hard road; '02 taught me that. You have to look out for the guys to your left and right because that is all you have; '02 taught me that. Then there are times that you have to fight for something because if you don't you will lose ground.;'02 taught me that. Thank you '02, thank you '05, thank you friends and family and God bless VMI. I'm off my soap box now.

2002: Andrew Harter
2008: Paul Childrey
Nicknames: Frankie D
ROTC: Army
Major: Math

Charles J. Ehnot
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

First of all, got to thank the parents for everything that they have done for me during the past four years. Also, the rest of my family, who has been so supportive in whatever I have wanted to do. These past four years have been times of great joy, peril, and sheer disgust. It is definitely something I would never want to go through ever again. But, throughout it all, some really great people have been there right beside me. Boston, don't let anybody else have you say "Park the car in Harvard Yard." Kurt, all the weird nights in Club 289. The VMI MCG and all the crazy stuff we did there. Jim and Pete, you two were the best roommates I have ever had. To the Rats, keep your stuff in order or fear the wrath of the "Coat hanger of Justice."

2002: Kevin Hanna
2008: Manny Maldonado, Randy Life
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Cory D. Engelhard
Surfside Beach, South Carolina

Looking forward to seeing VMI in the rear-view mirror with my diploma in hand, there are some things I will definitely miss. DJ and Milton, well, you all have put up with my incessant tapping and randomness, and though we did nothing but study, well Milton anyways, we've had a lot of great times. DJ, I expect flying lessons in a few years, your diploma, maybe a few more. Conor, wrestling partner and friend. "Audentes Fortuna Iuvat.' Rugby team, first time to MARFU in decades; from road trips to parties and of course the games, I have nothing but great memories. Mom and Dad, I don't know where to call home anymore but thank you for the Wal-Mart trips and high credit card bills. It was always nice when you all pretended to feel sorry when I complained about this place. You have always been there, and I wouldn't be where I am if it wasn't for you. Derek, thanks for not telling me about this place before I came; otherwise I would not be here. Even though this place sucks, there is no place else I'd rather be from. Nate and Mike, always remember, "This too shall pass." To all my BR's, this place would be nothing without the brotherhood. Robert Frost said, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and [We], [We] took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

2002: Ryan Lapsley
2008: Micheal Boykin, Nathan Stevenson
ROTC: Army
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Elliott R. Erbe
Portsmouth, Virginia

Thanks to my family, I love you. Without your support, I would have never made it.
To Mandy, I love you. To the guys, you have been like family these past years. Thank you. To the rest of Baseco, past and present: be different, don't conform, play hard, lift and separate, screw the two strike approach, believe in the sweet spot, and don't believe hadge.
To the rest of my too cool barracks crew, we made it boys, one for the good guys!
Rats: keep on being who you are with the strength and maturity to do what needs to be done.
"To laugh is to risk appearing a fool. To reach out for another is to risk involvement.
To expose feelings is to risk rejection.
To place your dreams before the crowd is to risk ridicule.
To love is to risk not being loved in return. To go forward in the face of overwhelming odds is to risk failure. But risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, is nothing.
He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he cannot learn, feel, change, grow or love. Chained by his certitudes, he is a slave. He has forfeited his freedom.
Only a person who dares to risk is free."

ROTC: Air Force
Major: Psychology

Justin C. Fallin
Midland, Texas

It's hard to put into words the incredible journey that has been set before us all. I know I came to VMI and wasn't quite sure what to expect from it. But now four years and a lot of hardships later, I have come to realize just what this place is about. It is about making lifelong friends and I have done just that. The brotherhood that this place embodies surpasses that of any other. The hardships that everyone of us has had to go through brought us in together and made us a very close-knit group. To my family: I can't thank y'all enough for standing behind me and pushing me through all the rough times, and lord knows I have had plenty of them. I am not sure I would have made it without y'alls' support, and to this day I continue to PUSH ON!! To my Rats: I have tried to teach y'all everything that I know. It's going to be a long rough road, but just remember to keep your nose to the grind stone and it will be over before you know it. To my Brother Rats and friends: I wish everyone of y'all the best of luck througout the years in whatever y'all may be doing in life, and I hope to keep in touch with everyone of you. To the South Sider's: Push On!!!
God Bless everyone and good luck as we part ways.

2002: Chris Connelly
2008: Jason Webb
Nicknames: Tex, Sloth, Lumpy
ROTC: Army
Major: Mechanical Engineering

James E. Favareau
Flint Hill, Virginia

The first day at VMI still sits with me like a bad plate of eggs. You know what I'm talking about, the ones from Crozet, that hit your plate in a puddle. Mom, you had the massive nose bleed, right in the middle of that fried chicken lunch. "I guess I will see you in two weeks." Its funny how you can laugh at one of the worst days in your life only after it happens. If I hear another Ratline story I am going to kill somebody. For you guys that don't know me, I was that sorry SOB with the riding team, the one on that horse that went crazy on the parade deck. I was not the one that fell-off in front of the Supe., that was someone else. Jack, Jim, and Mr. Crow were friends of Joe and I and lived the High Life more than once. To all of my boys on the MCG, it been one hell of a road trip. In the words of the famous J.C., "Hollar!" Oh yeah, that line about save a horse ride a cowboy, actually works, use it. Pete, what can I say man, it's been a long road, from knife stabbings, to Motrin, to Mary Washington, to running the block behind Levenson's house in civies on the way to W&L, to firecrackers, and .45's, to Gochen, and all the other stupid things not mentionable here.

ROTC: Army
Major: Biology

Charles W. Feazelle
Callaway, Virginia

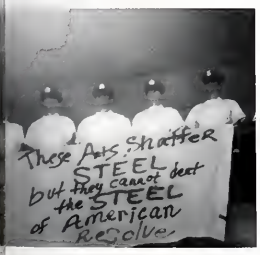
First, I would like to thank Go giving me the strength to endu four years of this place. Mom, and the family, thank you for t never ending support and alwa being there for me. Nancy, you have been an angel to me whil was here. Thank you for suppo me and never giving up on us. I believe VMI strengthened ou relationship and it will pay off the future. To my roommates c the years, Ben, Doug, Esau, Bl Jeremy, and Will, it was an ho to sleep in the same room with of you. Blake, may the memor aristocratic haze, midnight lipp greyhound-bulldog combo, an young dems will always be a b between us. Jeremy, good luck in your pursuit of understandin s.p.o.t.s. and accomplishing "th triad." Rob and others, three m years is nothing.
I definitely have a different out on life than before VMI. I don' know if it was the sharing of st community showers, countless skinny jokes, bitterness, depres the diminishing of social skills, all of the positive things, which are too few to mention. I do kn that for some reason I am a bett person possessing the ability to accomplish anything. I now kn more than ever that it is the sim things in life that matter. This experience I will always cherish and never regret.

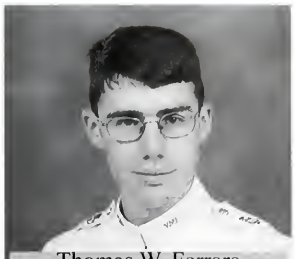
2002: Matt Maxey
2008: Rob Kelly
ROTC: Army
Major: Buisness Economics

Brandon K. Fellers
Fort Defiance, Virginia

ardless of the administration, all people who weren't "cool cool," all the girlfriends that left me ng my tenure here, I still believe I came out a better man than uld have at any other college. I was the only application ed out so I can't blame my sion on anyone else. Moreover n the school system itself, I ed friendships here that are placeable. By breaking everyone n to the same level, bonds were ned that cannot be produced where else.
t importantly, I would like raise Jesus Christ for coming my life Third Class year and ng me the strength to make it ugh the tough times. I would have made it through this place wasn't for the love and care came from my mom, Turk, Lori, and Jeremiah and granny. g thank you goes out to the 7 ple whom unanimously kept n school; Baas, Rohrmann, chez, Voorhees, Moncure, and hers. To my dyke and Major ell: what goes around, comes nd.To the rats in C-23, stay nd I know you will succeed in hing you pursue; regardless if make it out of VMI or not. To roomies, Maury and Josh, we e all in this together, and I am kful to have met you guys.

3:Terrell Allen, Jordan Combs
TC: Army
or: History

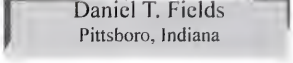




Thomas W. Ferrara
Fairfax, Virginia

After four years at VMI, I have definitely changed. I think that it's been a good experience overall. My dykes, Jesse, Old Man Harry, and Connor, did a good job getting me ready for the rest of my cadetship. They taught me some things that I don't think I would have been able to learn if they hadn't forced me to. I hope that I passed some things on to all of my rats: Kyle, Christian, Will, John, Adam, and Andy. Being the "crazy Uncle Dyke" wasn't really something I expected, but I hope that I helped you get ready to make it here. I guess that the best things that I'll take away from here, are my friends and memories. To all of my roommates (yes, even you Thatcher) to my Dykes to my Rats to anyone I talked to, thanks for putting up with me. VMI, I guess, really is a leadership lab. I have seen some random high school kids turn into great leaders, and I was allowed to be in charge of some of them. I've also learned from the bad example set by so many people who have long since graduated from VMI, but forgot that leaders are given power but have to earn respect. Some people like Lt. Col. Rivers, Capt. Colvin, Capt. Cook, and Col. Lynn have truly earned my respect. I hope that I can live up to the standards that they have shown me.

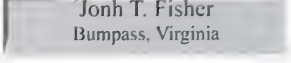
ROTC: Air Force
Major: History



Daniel T. Fields
Pittsboro, Indiana

We all have our misgivings about VMI…from the regimental commander to the rat that just matriculated. But if that's what you decide to take away from VMI, then you'll walk the stage with nothing. Sure, VMI's depressing at times. sitting in your room on confinement while your BRs are partying; morning inspection in the winter, wishing you were in your hay; marching PTs while the corps is racked out; or being forced to sit through boring speeches and other events that provide zero entertainment. But that's not what makes VMI great. VMI is the best college in the world because cadets do the things they despise with the people they love. "Look to your left, look to your right…these are your BRs'." -*SGM Hockaday* Take it to heart. Those same kids to your left and right will be with you through your best times, but more importantly through the times you believe are impossible. This is what I've found in my 4 years at VMI, and I appreciate all the things everyone has done for me. Thank you Jake, Joey, Brian, Tom and Chris for making 149 a room of unforgettable memories. Thanks to the roommates over the years, the Gentlemen, and all the family and friends who turned my worst days into my best days all in the same day. Good luck to the 105 and 103 rats. Chris and John, VMI is what you make of it.

2002: Jake Elsass
2008: Christopher Bass, John Nikiforakis
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics



Jonh T. Fisher
Bumpass, Virginia

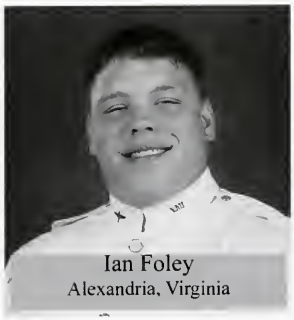
VMI, the longest, shortest and best four years of my life (so far). I just want to say that this experience was what you made of it and I got everything I wanted and then some. I had a great experience at this place because of the people I met here. I'd like to thank my family, friends, the guys in the Troop and especially my girlfriend Bridget for supporting me through these four years. My roommates: Sean, Matt, Andy, Austin and Frank, you guys are like brothers to me. Justin Fallin included. I couldn't have shared a room with better or harder working people, good luck in life. Thanks to all the guys in the top of Scott Ship who dragged me through the better part of 4 years of engineering, I hope I never have to use it. For the rest of you guys still at the "I" reading this, work hard, have fun it is possible, and stick close to your friends, it will be over before you know it.

2002: Eddy Lewis
2008: Daniel Jones
ROTC: Army
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Brian P. Fitzgerald
Bristol, Virginia

Well I'm not done yet, but hopefully when you have read this I have got what I came here for; a piece of paper. I want to thank my parents most of all for putting up with me these past four years. I know I moaned and complained about it, but it was for the best. To my roommates I leave you only the conversations and mischievousness that we have experienced. From 461 to 161 oh what fun we have had. Smitty all I can say is 21 -day celebration at JMU wow, and 2nd class year we had a blast. Nate Bristol party "fake," giving-up girls to take care of your roommate, thanks. Dongieux the elbow to the nose, fight at Tech, and Stevie Nix haha also Col. H. To the ASME OFFICERS its been a long dreadful 4 years of academics, but we made the best of it. I'm going to miss all of you guys. Well, I'm glad I'm almost done here hopefully this piece of paper gets me somewhere, it made me miss-out on a lot of fun, but it was worth gaining the friends that I have met here. To all that I might have peeved sometime in your cadetship, I'm sorry. Good Luck To All.

2002 : Anthony Sturgill
2008: James Wythe Horbale
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanical Engineering



Ian Foley
Alexandria, Virginia

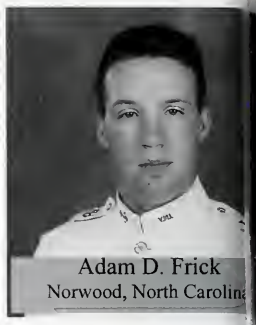
To everyone who ever told me I couldn't make it, or that college wasn't for meThank you.
Hunter, you're the best roommate a guy could ask for.
Brant, no worries…

2002: Ben Bowman
2008: Vince Cole, Chris Alderman
ROTC:
Major:

Timothy M. Foran
Jackson, New Jersey

Thanks?

2002: Shawn Joyce
2008: Kevin Funkey
ROTC: Army
Major: History



Adam D. Frick
Norwood, North Carolina

Thanks goes out to everyone t
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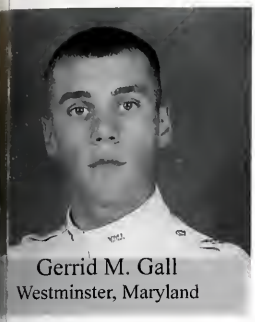
ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology



Gerrid M. Gall
Westminster, Maryland

enure here was quite esting. There were many times rghout these four years that r fantastic; there's not enough to list them. Likewise, I not waste time talking about ad things, because that d be too depressing and time uming. That said… I do want nk those who made my time dolerable. Most importantly, you God for your guidance nercy. To DD, Vaughnathon, An-DRAAGH, thank you for ng up with me and my silly s over the past years, I know nany people could've (or even d've wanted to). To the rest of Rs, most of you were often nly reasons for me staying, so you. Greg and the other 118 tas," thanks for making my ear easier. Keep on keepin' astly, "thank you" to the Rat taught me to never take myself eriously, even if he didn't d to. In parting, I'm not one rofound thought, so allow me rrow the words of someone pparently is: "Before that fury s inside of you, grows so big t forever quiets you, stand your demons, make a run at Goliath. Find the best, find orst, waiting in both of you. ot the who or the what that is g, but how you fight that is the the only mark that will not you…"

: Brent Pasko
: Greg Porter
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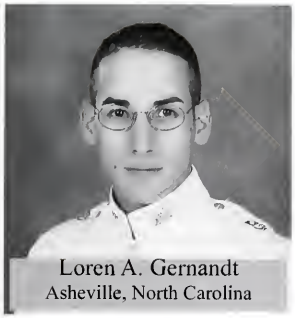
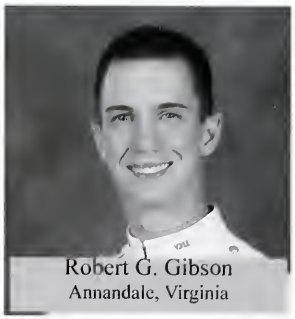


Loren A. Gernandt
Asheville, North Carolina

What a great yet horrible ride this has been. Waking up every day wishing everything would end, with every week-end washing it all away. There will always be the story that tops all stories from that random week-end in Charlottesville, and the tail-gate party that caused you to completely forget what the score of the football game was. Remembrance of counting down every second of the game to the few hours of escape from VMI. There are many memories many we will never forget. The days of the 2nd stoop booze bandits, stoop wrestling matches, moonlit moonshine nights, finding your roomie drunk and passed out in a random parking lot, waking up to your friend thinking he's a pirate…I guess there are too many bad stories to name. To the rats: don't let this place change who you are and what you feel. Remember, it's only a school. Also, I'd like to reflect on all the important leaders who taught us all so much in regards to gaining the respect of our peers; all the Kyle Haires and Josh Powers and Phil Sauls in the world, you will forever be remembered. This final oorah goes to my best friend, Co-Dyke, and the true President of 2005, Roman Edmunds. May you continue being the best at everything. To Jason Kontopedes, thank you for explaining to Maj. Leathers what we all really felt. The End.

2002: Lamoytna Vazquez Smith
2008: Josh Edwards
ROTC: Army
Major: Civil Engineering



Robert G. Gibson
Annandale, Virginia

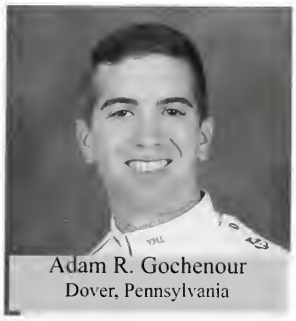
"So I think I'll keep on walking with my head held high, I keep moving on and only God knows why!"
Hopefully ten years down the road, when I die gloriously in a blaze of women, cigars, and more women, they will not use this picture to remember me; I hate this picture. Use the one at the bottom with DeAvilla. To the faculty who've helped me get by, thank you, especially: Rivers, Wiggrs, Cook, Spore, Crockett, Neel, Ayau, Dowling, McCleskey. BG Farrell: you are a living inspiration. My first cigar as a free man is for you. Chaplain Park, a hundred thank yous. Proverbs 18: 24. Dougal and Fak-Fu: thank you for keeping me alive and sane. Y'all were incredible roommates; I will always be grateful. Cheers til the next pitcher. Bryce and Chad: stay disciplined but know I brag about you nasties. Rats of Club 189: you ninjas have done me proud. Rely on eachother. Troop of '05: I'm prettier than all of you but God protect you. Troop of '08: my Grand-Dyke said, "It is a hard heart that kills." Remember it for me. Glee Club: it's been my honor. Momma, Pop, Steve, Holly—I love you. Mail-man Bill you are the man. We will all miss you. Semper Fidelis, but F-Troop Screw the Rest. Peace Inside~Gibby out.

2002: Jason Mounts
2008: Bryce Lewis, Chad Zurcher
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: History

Aaron V. Gleaton
Maiden, North Carolina

To the Gentlemen of 103 and 105: our days together are now numbered, but our friendship will remain committed. It has been an honor to live and serve with such an awesome group of guys. As we part and go our separate ways. I will never forget that it was you who pulled me through; I will never forget it was you that got me where I am today To my Rats: remember what I told you about goals, how some are never meant to be achieved, but only serve as milestones to work toward. Your cadetships' will contain such goals and only your friendship will give you the vision needed to attain them. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing. Forever cherish your brotherhood. Rat Mass:remember what I told you on Matriculation Day, "I will not give up on you, even after many of you, have given up on yourselves." This covenant I will always hold sacred and honor. Mike: thank you for the privilege of being your best friend. The days, which you picked my spirit up, gave me guidance and carried me through; these are debts, which I can never repay. To the Institute: thank you for the challenge, the experience, the heartache, and privilege to be a cadet. You've shown me what true honor, integrity, and character really are; for this I am eternally grateful.

2002: Stephen Lee
2008: Nicholas Cutting, Glyn Phillips
ROTC: Marine Corps
Maor: Biology



Adam R. Gochenour
Dover, Pennsylvania

I don't like to talk about myself. So I will tell you about me by demonstrating the way I like to think. Every position of leadership is a position of responsibility not of privilege. And every American is a leader by definition. The responsibilities of a private at VMI or a citizen in the real America are of equal value to the responsibilities of the First Captain or the President. Nor do these titles designate character. they are only a job description. If you forget these facts, the First Captain will become an arrogant authoritative jerk.
Experts have in depth knowledge in their field. A doctor. a general, etc. will not make a better decision than you, only a more informed one. They should be able to explain the situation in a way that you can understand. If they can not do so, or they refuse to do so, then something is up.
Attention to detail is not just a phrase. Every action you perform can be a decision. Even emotion is a decision.
An ignorant person's opinion of you is irrelevant. If that person holds a position of power, it still is unimportant. There is no reason for you to be concerned with what others think unless they understand the situation. In other words, I don't care what you think of what I have to say unless you understand what all of this means.

ROTC: Army
Major: History

Andrew L. Gordon
Goochland, Virginia

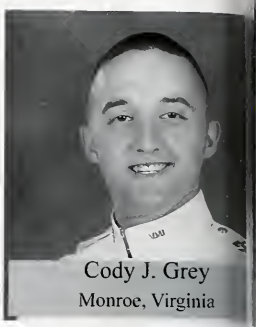
When I think of VMI, I remember not the insanely early mornings of the Ratline, the heart pounding visits from the RDC, or the long, long, never-ending power-line runs, I remember the panting, but confident Brother Rat looking back at me running beside me. I was a BR first and always, and it's my Brother Rats that I will miss the most. I have great memories from the challenging times of the Ratline and the bone freezing times on FTX and NCMT FTX, but my fondest memories are of my friends. I was also excited to be in the best company on post, Band! I have the great memories of the many trips we took together and the fact that band always got the last laugh because when the Corps was waking up for BRC the band was waking up on the beach in Florida. I was very proud to be a member of that great organization. I also fondly remember the times I played paintball with some good friends and the times my family brought my car to VMI, so my BR's and I could go out together. VMI to me is the most amazing place to go to college. I will remember it fondly and I know I will miss it for years to come.

2002: Kevin Braine
2008: David Kerr
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: History

Brian R. Gorski
Hope, New Jersey

It has been an interesting four years to say the least. From 348 to C-29 you have been very interesting friends. So, S-14 was a happy place, and we have done our Dykes proud. Shan-shan and Buddy Face your antics, as annoying as they were, added flavor to the monotony of 3rd class year. Gorilla 1, the kid, Donnie B, and…Mark, you all were interesting to live with. I sure hope no one finds Jay's tape before we get out of here. The bandwell was definitely a good choice for party locations. I am looking forward to seeing some of you later on down the road. Parents, friends, and girls I have known along the way: thank you for supporting me in your own way; you all made this place a whole lot easier to endure. C Company, who was never last but never first, I think we did a good job of taking care of each other. What can I say about the place that I hate more then anywhere on earth, but has done more for me then any other organization I have been part of except I am glad it is over with.

ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Business Economics



Cody J. Grey
Monroe, Virginia

So much to say, so little time! I
see if I can sum it up nicely. V
a great place, no matter how m
we all whine about it, it really i
I came here a scared, pretty mu
worthless kid with no discipline
I leave an officer in the US Arm
with goals to accomplish. VMI
made all of us who we are, and
should be thankful for the mem
and friends we have now. Guys
will never forget you, and if you
ever need anything, you know w
to call. Rats, do your best, that's
anyone can ever ask of you. For
the roommates I've had over the
years, most of you guys (with th
notable exception of Catselides)
great, thank you so much. Casey
I know you're still bitter about r
getting you to come here, but tr
me you will thank me....eventua
someday. For those of us marchi
off to war, I will see you on the
someday; and will always pray f
you. God bless you all.

2002: Brandon Lindsey
2008: AJ Fortier, Eric Hunter
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Preston W. Griffith
Mobile, Alabama

oad less traveled has come to
d. Although not all that began
us made it, the ones that did
ve it. To everyone in the Class
05, I am truly going to miss
when I return to my home in
le, Alabama, what a great town!
riendships I have made here
iceless. I would not trade the
we've shared for anything. I
not have made it without my
mates all four years, ormy
mond boys. Room 422 will live
er. The real thanks I owe is to
amily, especially my mom and
I love y'all and really appreciate
thing y'all have done for me
I have been locked away in
nia. Y'all are the reason I made
ough. I love y'all and thanks.
always love this Institute.
ough I hated you my Third Class
my heart has returned to you,
vill always be your's. You were
ys there even when I wish you
n't. I know the things I have
ed here will remain with me as
that next step in achieving my
ations.
e Rats of S-17, sorry I had to
y'all early. Y'all better make
ough. To all my friends, there
vays a bed in Mobile for y'all.
h the best for everyone. God
s.

?: Randy Sheets
: Josh Patoka
C: Air Force
or: Hostory

Felix Guerra
Brenham, Texas

I came to VMI a seventeen-year-old kid, I will be leaving VMI a twenty-one-year-old commissioned in the Marines. It is hard to believe that our stay at the Institute is over, the days seemed to drag-on forever but the years have flown by. VMI has made me into the man I am today. My family made this happen since they put up with me traveling back and forth and all over the world. As I look back, the memories that I cherishED the most are of my friends, you know who you are so I don't need to mention your names. The good and bad times that we experienced are what enabled us to endure the days and make the years fly by. My Dyke Tim, whose First Class Bio. I am looking at now, provided me with guidance and friendship so one day I can become the VMI graduate and officer he has become. The same can be said about my Grand-Dyke and Uncle-Dykes, Hamel, John, and Ryan. To my Rats, Brian and Tony, I could not have asked for better rats. I know both of you will graduate from VMI with success, and I will be there when you do. The bonds formed between my brother Rats have motivated me through all the years. We are entering a dangerous world, and VMI has instilled us with the ability to survive and succeed in this world.

ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: International Studies

Christopher W. Guin
Fairfax, Virginia

Many cadets cannot see past the borders of post and into the life beyond. They fret over the trivialities of VMI; Monday morning inspections, confinement checks, who the TAC is, if their permit to leave will be approved. Let these not weigh heavy upon you for these concerns are only temporary.
Of all the things that VMI can teach a cadet there is one that stands above all others, and I think the Chinese philosopher Confucius puts it quite nicely, "To see the right and not do it is cowardice." This is the basis of the VMI honor system and is something that all cadets should take to heart. And when they finally leave the protective walls of Barracks; and go-out into the world, I would hope that this would be their creed.
I would like to end with a quote for all my friends:
"I wish you the decency and nobility that you are capable of"
-Jonathan Daniels, (1961)

2002: Brian K. Meadowcroft
2008: Adam Flemming, William Henning
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Psychology

Brandon J, Haenny
Highland, Indiana

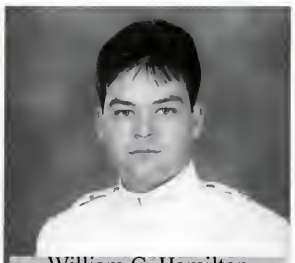
"Quia tu es, Deus, fortitúdo mea." Four years of ups and downs has given me the faith that wherever I am is exactly where I ought to be. I owe much to a lot of people. I would not be here today except by God's grace and the many blessings he bestowed upon me. I must first thank my family, Mom, Dad, and Valerie who I love very dearly for helping me through these years, my grandparents and my other family. Thank you for helping me stay strong even in the darkest hours. Papa: you told me once you wanted to be here to see me graduate. Well, I know that you are still watching me from above. If I've done anything, I hope that I have made you proud. Jen, my best friend: you pulled me through many lonely nights of work (and procrastination) and I love you for those reasons and countless others. Sean and my Dykes, thanks for what you taught me (and introducing me to alcohol.) Kan and Goch, the two best Americans I know. Yes, Goch, you really DO do a lot. You'll have a girl someday, I swear. John and Andrew, I leave you with my Dyke's advice to me: "Stay away from rank. Study hard, get your diploma, commission, and then get out." Get Ac days; they're GOLD! Always ask questions. Hopefully all the advice, rantings, and ravings you heard from us all year has made you better cadets. Now for me, it's finally "Sweet Home Chicago!"

2002: Neil Mellen
2008: Andrew Todd, John Judge
Nicknames: BJ, B-Dawg, Hanes
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies

Henry Hak
Richmond, Virginia

I have come to the conclusion that although we may have come here for different reasons, we all stay because of one. It is the companionship and brotherhood that keeps us all here. There is no other place where you can become so close so fast. JJ and Kurtis, you've been great roommates. I don't believe I have ever met a person who complains as much as Justin, but a quiet JJ just wouldn't be the same. Kurtis, you are my partner in crime. Whether it was getting caught throwing snowballs or making PEAYolanterns, you were always there with me to share the cruel and unusual punishments that were dealt out by C-Murder. Jarred you will always be my nemesis (Stupid Permit). Just don't forget who would win 10 times out of 10. Shishil, Yu-Fan, Jeff, Parsons, Nigel, Duerr, Ray, Tony, Andy (always remember Kroger), Ruch, Tom, Shore, Kirk: 250 words just isn't enough. And last but not least, I must not forget my sole surviving rat roommate: William " The Kid " Deshazor. Take note of the fact that this is the first and last time I will ever call you this. Gentlemen, you are all the reasons why I have stayed. Now after 4 years, we can proudly say that we came here immature, developed into even more immature boys, and left here victorious in our battle against the Mother "I."

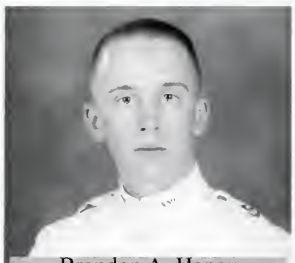
2002: Sopheap Chan
2008: Bert Williams
Nicknames: Hollywood, Hak Attack
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Business Economics



William C. Hamilton
Berryville, Virginia

VMI has taught me more in four years than I ever thought I could learn in a lifetime. The Ratline, friends, week-ends, the crazy all-nighters. I can truly say I have emerged a better man. I have taught myself I can do anything, and VMI has taught me there is always something trying to hold you down. ~

ROTC: Army
Major: Biology



Brandon A. Haney
Fredricksburg, Virginia

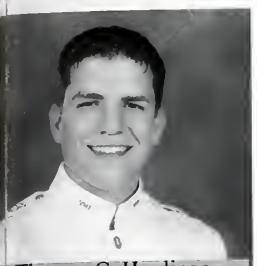
To my roomates, you guys have made it worth while. To my family, you have been the backbone of my success and my drive to better myself. Classes were terrible, specials were too, but in the end, I won. See you on the flip side...Im OUT! ~

ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology

Daniel J. Hansen
Heber, Utah

We've all been told it's a great
to be from. I can even think of
times that made it a good place
be at, and it was all because of
incredible people who were be
me during those times. I'll leav
here with more lessons learned
I had expected and certainly m
than I had hoped for, but now I
only hope to never forget them
my roommates: thank you! You
up with my obnoxious hummin
singing, and random noises...a
all the peculiar things that I do
entertain myself and destroy m
GPA. Milton, don't forget us p
people when you make your fir
million. Cory, keep your money
I wouldn't want you to cry over
dollar spent on something other
a motorcycle, backpack, or real
big "steereo." Rats, keep your s
of humor because you're going
need every bit of it to keep you
way sane for the next 3 years. T
mom, dad, and my family: I lov
all and want you to know I reall
wouldn't have been able to finis
without you, I don't just mean t
because you kept sending me m
to pay for this abhorrently over
education. You have supported
me through all my decisions, an
did your best to guide me to the
right ones. You were my reality
check when I needed one and m
motivation when I thought I cou
get through something.

2002: Peter McVay
2008: Daniel Sines
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanical Engineering



Thomas C. Hardinge
Hagerstown, Maryland

um up my entire cadetship in short paragraph seems almost ossible, but here goes nothing. I would like to thank God for trength to keep going forward n the weight of VMI was ing me back. To my family, k you for the love and support have all given me over the four years. I couldn't have e it without you guys. Missy n forever in your debt for your es through hurricanes and all of surprises you pulled off just to me. The rules and restrictions MI, let alone being 1000 s apart is enough to make any tionship crumble. I've truly d my someone. Thanks for memories…I love you more words can describe. To the 's of '05, thanks for all your with classes, I couldn't be here y without you. Hunter and Jim 't forget the IBC days. I hate struction. For the Navy guys tf? Col. B and Band Co., thanks the great times and memories. To ny room mates: I know I was in sometimes, but so were you, ve're even. To my dyke Joey, e…you were and are the best. To rats of 123, don't let VMI get the t of you; I hope you learned a lot year. I never expected to come y from VMI with the friendships ve made; I truly will never forget of you.

2: Joey Lencio
8: Chris Bernard, Donnie Mikels
TC: Navy
jor: Mechanical Engineering

Christopher W. Hardy
Portsmouth, Virginia

As the Class of 2005, ventures into the real world free of boning, demerits, and raping ducks, I will be here. I committed myself an extra year to help our wrestling team. Life is full of choices which decide your path. I have learned that the choices you make directly influence what you get. That life is about sacrifice and what you want at a moment could risk failure of the ultimate goal. It's funny; when you look back you can probably remember trying like heck to get into this place, but sometimes asking yourself, "What the heck was I thinking?" Then, getting out seems like the biggest concern. I leave you with a poem:
Once upon a time, God created an angel, Lucifer, as his right-hand man
God also created heaven, an unimaginable magnificent land. But a problem occurred when Lucifer became too envious of "The Most High"
So God banished Lucifer from heaven forever and booted him from the sky, from then on, Lucifer was known as Satan, notoriously known for hating. But it made him no different because he'd spend eternity trying to get even
Satan set out to kill, steal, and destroy everything without any real reason, Eespecially those believing in "The Most High", God; forever they would cry
So he created the worst possible place in the world and called it VMI.

ROTC: Air Force
Major: Psychology

Justin J. Harris
Richmond, Virginia

Thanks.

2002: Jerry Rice
2008: Matt Payne
Nickname: JJ
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Civil Engineering

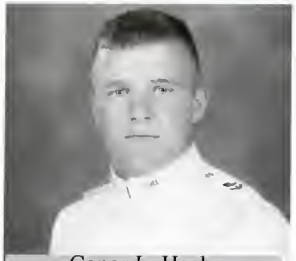
Daniel P. Harrison
Midlothian, Virginia

Well, there's not much to say except that my time here was short and stressful but well worth the trip, especially riding along with my boys: Bill, Jim, and Ty. I've learned more from you guys than anyone else (like how to take all your crap). I couldn't have made it without you guys. And I guess I do owe VMI something because without the "I." I wouldn't have met you all or my beautiful girlfriend Brittany. I love you all and thanks for all the great times! I also want to thank the Chemistry Department and my family for all of their time and effort they spent on me. And as for the recommended stuff: I swam for VMI as a rat. My spaz-rat is Chris Nottingham who reminds me so much of myself when I was a rat that I hate him. Yeah. I tried to forget all that crap. but no. thanks. My chill Dykes: Tim "Utz" Cole who is a basketball coach for his high school. and Jim Burkette who is now working for a cruise liner traveling the Caribbean. South America, and the Hawaiian islands. See y'all around. Dano.

ROTC: Army
Major: Biology

James E. Hayes
Bedford, Virginia

My name is James Hayes, but most of you know me as "Jimbo." My Dyke was Blake Witherell. 3rd class year, I was on cadre as 3rd corporal and 2nd Class year I was Charlie company Ops. Sgt. I'm sure I told many of you that I was never a rat, that I was born cadre. My First Class year I got to enjoy life as a private. I also joined the Golf Club, which by the way is the best team here. My Rat was Jordan Rich, you were a great Rat, keep up the good work through the rest of your cadetship. After graduation I am commissioning into the Army. The main thing I took away from VMI is the friends I have made. They are the best bunch of guys I've ever met in my life. They are the main reason that I think I've done so well here at VMI. To my roommate, we've been through the ups and downs of life together. We finally made it through this place. I wish nothing but the best for you, as our ships will now begin to sail for different ports. I'll end this with one of my favorite quotes, from Winston Churchill: "The only thing that got in the way of my education, was my schooling."



Conor L. Heely
Nas Paxtuxent River, Maryland

The greatest part of my typical day was the quiet walk from the library back to barracks when I could reflect on my day and feel a deep inner peace at where I was and what I was doing. These four years at VMI have given meaning to my life, bonds that will never be broken, a code of honor that will never fade from my heart, and into a life of serving that I have dreamed of. The journey from 426 to 190 has been arduous, but it was the friends, the roommates, the Brother Rats, that pulled me along the way. I will never forget the strength and courage they gave me when I was weak to pull me up just the last bit. Thank you Mom and Dad, Daniel and Katie for being the source from, which I drew strength from, inspiring me to challenge myself smiling throughout every momen. While I might have initially chosen the path less traveled, there were many guiding hands that deterred me from drifting, that smoothed obstacles in the way, that helped me up when I stumbled. Thank you roommates, Co-Dykes, Bravo, and 2005. Dan, Chris and Jim – keep pressing on, never yielding, and you will do great things.

Eric W. Heese
Quinton, Virginia

As the worst four years of my life come to an end I would like to take some time to recognize those individuals that made this wonderful experience possible. Firs,t I would like to thank my family, especially mom and dad, for their love and support. Without them I would have never made it through this place. Thanks to Larkin and the rest of my Dykes for putting up with my crap their senior year. Asian and Stinky Lockard, y'all are two of the most uncommon roommates I think I will ever have, but better you two than some tools who gets their chops off to this place. Ski had some good times, thanks for sticking us with a "special" rat. Blake have fun living on a Navy base for the rest of your life. Andrew you will snap-out of it someday. Timmy stay away from them banana's. "Blackman" please learn that every comment is not a racial slur against you. Chris "Where's My Money" Bodenheim (enough said). Sambo hopefully you will be walking across that stage and not hopping on crutches, but let's not get our hopes up. Kyle and Matt try not to F*%K up before y'all get back here and attempt to graduate. Anthony I have no idea how you did it. Finally I would like to tell my rats to study abroad or graduate as early as you possibly can (senior year ain't nothing special and still just as bad).

Edward M. Henderso
Lexington, Virginia

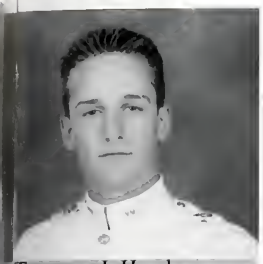
Here I am at the end of my ve small world, but it is yet only t beginning. By God's grace alo I have endured the Institute an learned so much about myself and how I might best serve the Lord in this life. For where I st today I thank Rachel, my beau bride, for her undying love and support, and for always presen herself as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1), from, whi I have learned so much. I thank Doug Dobbins, my best friend brother in Christ, for his loyalt kindness, and for the truth of h testimony. I thank Matt Dussia for his pure heart and selfless service, and from the bottom ol my heart I thank my parents fo the life lessons, steadfast love a support that carried me so far. I pray for you, Ben and Pete, my good and faithful Rats, that you also might experience the powe of God's favor in every part of your cadetships', and that in ev achievement, you have the grac and humility to give it all back t God. Brother Rats, it has been a blessing and an honor to endure VMI experience with you, and I pray that we never forget or fors the true friendship we share. My door will always be open to you

2008: Jordan Rich
ROTC: Army
Major: Chemistry

2008: Dan Jewitt
ROTC: Navy
Major: International Studies

2002: Larkin Scott
2008: Travis Hughes
ROTC: Army
History: Psychology

2002: Nick Wilborn "Stillborn"
2008: Ben Switzer, Petro Mycio
Nicknames: Ted, Teddy,Tedward
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Biology



Terrence J. Henderson
Highland, California

o ll of those that helped me out f e mud and across the stage as a r uate, I thank you. To my family, n cards, phone calls, emails, all e ed me see the light that I am o emerging into. Thank you, I can e r repay you.

TC: Marine Corps
jor: Mechanical Engineering

Benjamin J. Hobbs
Covington, Virginia

Four years done and four years wasted. But hey this place is suppose to hook you up after graduation...that's why we all came here right? Anyway it's been great. Rat year stunk, but then every Rats' Year did (Old Corps). However Rat year wasn't too bad…thanks to my Co-Dykes…thanks guys. Third Class year was definitely an experience I'll never forget. A lot of close calls but somehow we all pulled-out of it and came out on top. Second Class year was awesome, without you guys I don't know what I would have done. Thanks for contributing to my good grades with games…they seem to help GPA's around here. So far, First class year has been great...thanks for everything guys. To Steve thanks for those crazy characters you do that for some reason I am the only who sees them. Garrett thanks for letting me shoot you in the chest with a pellet gun…I always wanted to shoot somebody in the chest with one. And Rory thanks for being there to play games and kill our GPAs' together. Everyone else in the class, good luck with whatever you do. Thank you mom, dad, and Jaimie for helping me get through this place and helping me put up with this place for four year. Lata I'm out.

2002: Shane Wilhelm
2008: Eric Swann and Brett Carpenter
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Psychology

Matthew L. Hook
Baltimore, Maryland

The past 4 yrs have certainly made me a better man, I am not sure if it because of VMI or desspite of VMI. Nonetheless, there are 2 people that deserve all the credit for what I have accomplished in the last 4 years as well as my entire life. Mom and Dad. thank you for your endless support in every aspect of my life. I would be nothing with out the two of you. You two are amazing people, and I can only hope that I can live my life like yours'. I love you both. To the rest of my family, I could not thank you enough for all that you have done for me. PJ, leaving this world was more difficult than anything I have faced at VMI, and your life has been an incredible inspiration to how I should continue to live mine. You are sorely missed. Jay, Jeff, and Gabe you have all been brothers to me and the friendships we have made will last us a lifetime. Never be afraid to call on me. To the late night Scott Ship 5th floor study crew, thanks for making it enjoyable. To the Lax squad past and present, I am proud to have played along side each of you. 107 Rats, be smart, stay under the radar and graduate., "Take it to the limit…to the limit!" – Jay Morgan

2002: Derek Swenck
2008: Kevin Hill, Rob Taylor
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

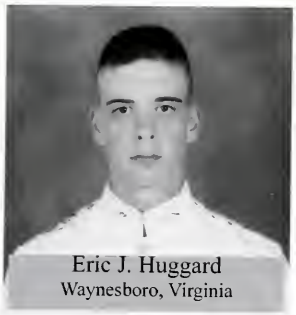
Travis L. Hord
Dayton, Ohio

...the echoing of footsteps on the bricks late at night, changing back into summer uniforms, sliding past Scott-Shipp to the mess hall in the snow, the Gentlemen, showing your rats how to fill out a Special Report, finishing a paper at dawn, walking out of the last exam before Christmas, the Palms, waiting for the new Reg. CO to dismiss the Corps after Commencement, the endless "how was your break?" questions after a furlough, laughing at your roommates, watching rats fall up a set of stairs…

These images and countless others are my VMI. This is the only place I have been where the best and worst day of my life have been the same day. It has been the people around me - helping, hindering, guiding, and annoying me that shaped my character here. I owe all my success to my friends and roommates, the professors that reached out, most importantly the love of my life Lisa Marie and my parents whom I owe so much.

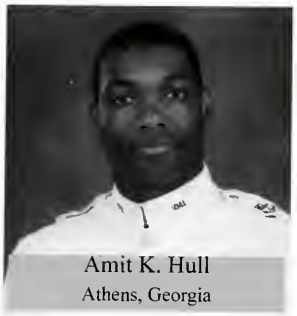
For those of you ready to sew on a new class stripe, take ownership of your school. If at anytime you feel like giving up on the Institute think back on the images that remind you of your best day and forget about your worst day. If you can't find a time where you have contributed in your own way and felt good about it then move on and make room for those who have or will.

2002: Jim Burket
2008: Branden DeLong
Nicknames: The Major, T
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: History



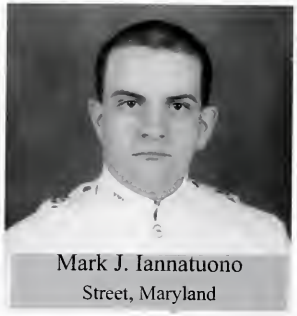
Eric J. Huggard
Waynesboro, Virginia

One journey ends and another begins. I am preparing to enter into life as an Army officer. I expect the lessons learned through countless FTXs, Land Nav trips, and Labs will be worth it. To those who got me where I am, thank you. To those who said I wouldn't make it, look at me now. I made it, one goal down, a plethera left waiting for me down life's dusty road. ~



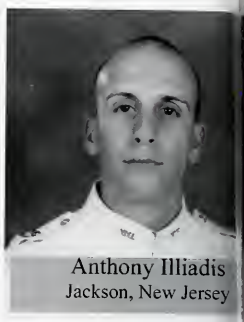
Amit K. Hull
Athens, Georgia

Of the many lessons I learned at VMI, only one of them will stick with me for the rest of my life; value the end of the day. At the day's end thank GOD you made it through. Control the things you can, and live through the things that you can't. Be happy with yourself, no matter what others think of you.
Thank all the people that helped you through (thanks Pres), laugh at those that said you'd never make it (thanks LTC Hardin), and smile at those that hate you because you did, right before you give them the finger (did I mention LTC Hardin?...lol).
Make sure that the people you love in life know it and never forget it. Appreciate your parents (thanks Mom and Dad).
Retain the special moments and make amends for the grudges. Appreciate the silence, stillness, safety, and darkness of the night because sometimes that's the only thing that keeps you sane.
Always try to prepare for tomorrow everything that could happen.
When all else fails, yell "I LOVE SQUIGGLES!!!", and call it a night. It's been a long time coming, but it's finally done. **GAME OVER**.



Mark J. Iannatuono
Street, Maryland

"This one goes out to the ones I love. This one goes out to the ones I've left behind."
Reflecting on my four years I find myself startled at just how fast the time has gone. It seems like just the other week '05 was matriculating and now we're at the end of this extraordinary journey. After this, there can be no doubt that the four years spent at the "Mother I" are "Not For the Faint Hearted." I would like to thank all the people who have helped make me a better person more so than I ever thought was possible. I would like to thank my parents and sister, their belief in me brought out all the very best things that I have inside. Thank you to my roommates this year, you guys accepted me on the spur of the moment and have been amazing people. I would like to thank my RATS, you guys have been amazing this year, keep it up, this is your Corps now, you've earned it through deed and word. Man, 250 words sure fills up fast, and there are still so many people left to thank so if I left you out, thank you. F-TROOP PRIDE FOR LIFE!



Anthony Illiadis
Jackson, New Jersey

VMI has been an intersting pl for better or worst. I'm glad t that I've met a lot people who helped me through this place kept the ones that mattered. I' learned all I can from the mot "I," and it's time to move on. no regrets in life because ever happens for a reason.

ROTC: Army
Major: Computer Science

2002: Geno Cauthen
2008: Marcus Brown
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanical Engineering

ROTC: Army
Major: Biology

2002: Jeff Stoner
2008: Brett Skoog
Nicknames: Tony, The greek
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Computer Science

Thomas C. Innes
Richmond, Virginia

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TC: Army
jor: Civil Engineering

Wei-Han Jeng
Washington, D.C.

I am Wei-Han Jeng. My friends call me Nigel. My dyke, rat, and I are from the Chinese Naval Academy. I will be an Ensign in the Chinese Navy after graduation. I am glad to have the chance to study at VMI and have so many friends, especially my roommates. I love my roommates, Will Ray (the spookiest man in barracks), Mike Parsons (the most hardcore wrestler), Kurt Weishaar (the best TATOO man), and Mike Duerr (the most DVD-watching Platoon Lieutenant). I had lots of awesome times with them. I won't forget them in my life. Life here stinks. If any people ask me "Do you like here?" my answer is "WHOORAAAAA." I already have had a good life for three and half years here. I have learned from a lot of experiences here. I want to say thanks to everyone who have given me so many fantastic memories. I will be the most true friend for you, FRIENDS!

2002: Hsu-Hsian Hsu
2008: Hung-Rei Chen
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Electrical Engineering

Jonathan R. Johnson
Merritt Island, Florida

As I look back on the years I endured I find lessons to be learned. One: don't get on con pro or ac pro, but if you do it's a lot better than a # 1 and 6 weeks confinement with plenty of PT's. Two: you have to learn to be creative with the food in the Mess Hall. If you can't be creative enough to make something to eat at least make something that looks artistic so the Mess Hall staff can look in awe at your work as they clean it off the tray. Three: no matter how many privileges you get each year they just don't make up for the "unique experience" you get at the great Mother "I." On a little more serious note, I came here with discipline, as it was, yet this school has taught me a lot more about paying attention to detail and helping to make stronger my values of honor, respect, loyalty and making it on time to formations, classes and practice. These values I know I will keep as I go on with my life as an alumnist. Finally: as I said before I did endure this school, but not without the help of my roommates, track teammates, coaches, professors, and of course lots and lots of movies. To all those that supported me and were great friends (you all know who you are) I just want to thank you I really do appreciate all the help.

2002: Ronny Hull
2008: Donnie Mikels
ROTC: Army
Major: Civil Engineering

Nathan L. Johnson
Shawsvile, Virginia

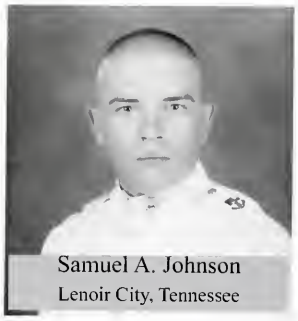
WOW…I really have no clue how I ended up here after watchin' my brother go through 4 years before me, I guess in the end I am somewhat glad that I gave up the freedoms and hopes of a real college life. I wouldn't trade the friendships for anything. In gaining respect for ourselves and what we have all accomplished. I have lost a lot of respect for the "I." and how twisted the system can be. To the soccer team and especially the seniors: its been one crappy trip but it feels good to go-out like we did. I've become too close to too many of you to give individual shout-outs, but all of you know that I'll be around if you ever need anything at all…Donger and Lance, palaaabra. Spain was nuts and I'm glad we were there together. To 161: Doogi and Fitz we've been together since the beginning and I couldn't have done it without you. Fitz you are one crazy guy and the funniest kid I've ever known. Smitty its been a hell of a ride man…Shane I hope you can stick-it-out, good luck…Lastly, Zach where were you when I signed my letter of intent? Mom and Dad thanks for everything, you went out of your way to make things possible.

Nicknames: Nasty Nate, Nate Dogg
ROTC: Air Force
Major: History

Peter C. Johnson
Ball Ground, Georgia

I would like to thank God, all of my family, and my friends for helping me get here; I obviously would never have made it otherwise. Brad, Andrew (never let go of the pact). Sean, Tripp, Sully, J Downs, Shakes and Alex: you are all truly suave individuals, and I am fortunate and grateful to be able to call you my friends. It sure wasn't all bad, but it sure wasn't all good. I look forward to the good times we've still got to come. Football team never quit fighting. I'll miss it and you. Travis, I don't envy you with the 3 years you've got ahead of you, but good luck with it and you'll be done soon enough. Beyond that, I don't really know what to say about my time at this place and how I feel about it. If you were here with me, or have ever been here, then I don't have to say anything for you to understand. If you've never been here, then nothing I can say will make you be able to.

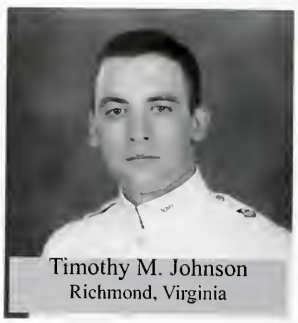
2002: Salmaan Khawaja
2008: Travis Ludden
Nicknames: Grandpa, Gramps, CJ
ROTC: Army
Major: Biology



Samuel A. Johnson
Lenoir City, Tennessee

I've always been told that I speak my mind, and it has gotten me in trouble in my cadetship more than I would like to think. I hope that in the future speaking my mind will get me further than it has here. To all my roommates, for the last 4 years you've helped to make this place a little more bearable. You are all great friends and I thank you for both the good times and the bad. I want to give a special thanks to all my friends and the VMI Rugby team for some of my most priceless stories. Good luck to my Rats, you've been the greatest a Dyke could ask for. Thank God for my family, and thank God for getting me the heck out of here. Semper Fidelis.

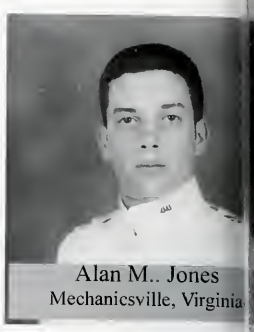
2002: Tommy Settle
2008: Chris Boyles-White
Nicknames: Fatty, Chesty, Yut
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Mechanical Engineering



Timothy M. Johnson
Richmond, Virginia

Four years ago, coming to VMI was the last thing on my mind. Even as I signed the Matriculation Book, an illness and desire to be anywhere else consumed me. I viewed my decision as a result of past failures that prevented me from attending another college. Much has changed. I've been pushed to my limits and beaten to the point I never thought I'd get up again. Many times I looked out my window and these old, grey walls seemed to overwhelm me; drive me to the brink of insanity. I have learned an optimistic perspective on life is the only way to make it through VMI. It's the important things that have sustained me at this social experiment nestled in the Shenandoah Valley. The Brother Rat Spirit grounded in the Honor Code that bonds cadets past and present that made my cadetship worth it. I consider it the greatest honor and privilege of my life to have befriended the fine, young gentlemen of the Class of 2005; I will cherish your friendships for life. Without you, I would never have stayed here; thank you. General Farrell, thank you for your wisdom. You have taught me to take my failures and hardships and use them to persevere when the world turns its back. To my family, thanks for all your support. May God bless the Class of 2005 and watch over us 'til we meet again.

ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies



Alan M.. Jones
Mechanicsville, Virginia

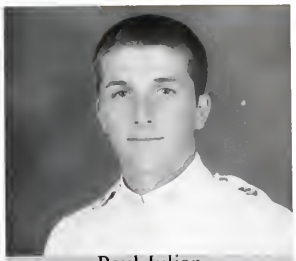
Well it's all over, what a time i
been. Thank you to all those w
supported me through this plac
I really appreciate it. There has
been much to learn throughout
time here. Overall I think that I
coming out a better person the
when I started.
To my Rats, good luck in the
future, try your best, that's all t
I can ask. BR's good luck in th
future. ~

ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: International Studies

Kevin P. Jones
Exton, Pennsylvania

ears here at VMI have brought t a change in myself that I d have never thought possible. sure that in the years to come l be able to convince myself hese years were care free and and that my experience here composed of only the best of rs. I know now, and hope to know later in life, that my time was not a time of amazing lastic achievement, nor of self rovement. Rather it was a time y life when I was surrounded e best people I have ever been, could hope to be associated . Even though I have absolute idence that the people I am ored to call my Brother Rats succeed in achieving all of their s and dreams, whatever they be, I wish you all of the luck in world.

2: Marc Mcnamara
8: Alex Smith, Justus O'Connor
TC: Marine Corps
jor: Modern Languages



Paul Julian
Staunton, Virginia

It's finally over. The days were monotonous and dragged by, but the weeks flew past and the years went even faster. I can't believe its over, but I can't say I'm disappointed to see it end. Four years with no say in your life begins to wear on you; remember you don't breakout until graduation. I don't want to paint too negative a picture of VMI, I did make some great friends and learned some great lessons. Thanks to everyone who helped me through these past years. Thanks to my family for their support. TJ and Gabe, thanks for the great times and all the endless hours spent working on classes we couldn't stand. Clark, thanks for being a great friend 3459. 309 U-Daho thanks for letting me be a weekend roommate. Robin, thanks for everything, especially letting your dog bite me. Emily thanks for sticking it out these past four years, you sacrificed a lot and I appreciate it. Nate good luck with the rest of school, stay out of trouble and keep the grades up. We all know what AC days equal. Matt, avoid the bad haircuts. To the other rats, stay focused and make the most of it. Dan, Jeff, Danny, I would never want to live in a tiny room with three people again, but thanks for all the good times. In four years I learned that life moves pretty fast, if you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.

2002: Wyatt Hollar
2008: Nathaniel Bellissimo
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Eric Kaltrider
Finsksburg, Maryland

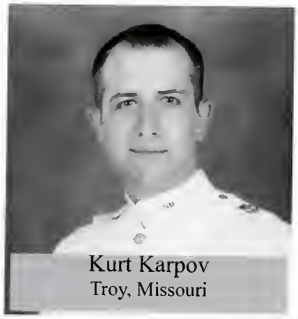
Well, it's about time! Four years: it surely seemed longer on the way to May 2005 than it seems now, looking back. Lord Jesus, thank you for the grace to make it happen. Mom and Dad, thanks for training me up with the foundation. To my grandparents, my brother, and family, thank you for all your support and prayers. As I become the exalted graduate, I've never been more aware that my triumph on my journey is less about me than it is about those who have been by my side along the way. As for introspection, VMI helped forge a strong love for honor, self-control, friendship, perseverance, and courage; faithfulness in the little things. I've learned by experience that I need to think more and talk less; that some things are worth fighting for; and that doing the right thing is often harder but always better. Lessons of leadership have left their marks, mostly through noting the demonstrators of what not to do. Rats, always remember to put God first, and He will direct you. I hope my example before you is half as meaningful as my Dykes' was for me. *Mizpah.* Frank, here's to survival! You and I are stronger and wiser for 434's crucible. 'Little Steve,' when you become Supreme Dictator, remember your humble co-dykes. Greg, thanks for always being yourself, one of the closest friends and best BR's that I had: it would have been dull without you!

2002: Nate Wahlgren
2005: Andrew Gay, Alex Lim
Nicknames: Low-rider, Kalt
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: History

Andrew J. Karnes
Newport News, Virginia

The past four years have gone by faster than I could have ever dreamed or wanted, and though I am not going to cite a poem by Robert Frost, it does feel appropriate. It seems like just yesterday that I first met the "Richmond Crew" during my reign as "The General" at STP. The ratline soon demoted me to a tool for my cadre's amusement whether by guiding a company with my hand or eating excess amounts of Kit Kat bars. Rat year flew by and before I knew it I found myself on the third stoop. Third class year did not bring with it the usual pain that most complain of and I have only my roommates to thank. Donger, Shakes, WillyD, Nate, and Lawton are more responsible for me making it to this point than I. Summers in Lexington have been a staple for me over the last two years. I have enjoyed the company of some great guys: the Stokes brothers, Austin, another Nate, and many others too numerous to mention individually. Finally I would like to thank my Rat roommates: Ryan, Alex, Aaron, and Milton, these have been the best four years of my life.

2002: Jarret Rice
2008: John Sollock
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics



Kurt Karpov
Troy, Missouri

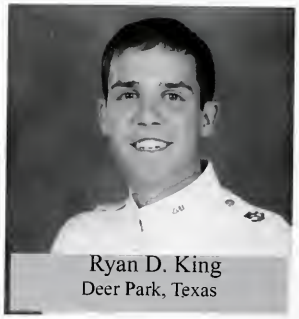
As time has passed I have come to see the benefit of this school. This school changes a person, from what each high school created into a stronger more driven person. To my mom and dad, thank you for the support through these four years in dealing with everything. I don't think it would have been possible without both of you. To my two true friends in barracks, Paul Kuwik and Jessie Stewart, I thank you, without you two I don't think I would have made it. Vic, it is worth it, deal and move on, that's all you have to keep doing. To my rats, Justin and Dan, it's a long four years, but it's possible, trust me, its possible. The true impressiveness of this school does show itself, the unfortunate part is that we are all to busy to actually realize it. The journey through these four year has been interesting, first off a shout out to the AF for four years of true experiences. Rat year with roommates puking out the front of barracks and making sure others don't fall off the stoop, third class year and watching every movie known to man, Second class year and Spanky's to first class year and going out with the same ones and being thankful for one big difference, our feet our now on the ground floor and we can only go forward from here. F-Troop Pvt. Pride and Glory

2002: Paul Busenberg
2008: Justin Costello, Dan Tranotti
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Electrical Engineering

Benjamin R. King
Salem, Virginia

The time has come and gone that this place of joy (and sometimes pain…or maybe this place of pain and sometimes joy) is where I lay my head. But even now that I am going from here, the 'I' will always be a home. There have been countless times of blood, sweat, tears, and pain, but along with those have come times of laughter, joy, cheer, and excitement. The friendships and bonds have been created and not only created but forged by fire. I will always be indebted to this place. And this could not have been done on my own. I would like to thank my mother for her love and times of caring through it all, and my father for the pride he takes in my accomplishments and for my sister's great support and friendship, and to Emily, thank you for standing by my side. I would like to thank my friends and other family members that have supported me through it all. And to my roommates, good luck with all that is to come. Nothing will ever replace the times we have had together. You are my brothers. And to my rats, may the wind always be at your back and your eyes turned forever skyward. And most importantly Philippians 4:13; It is only by God that I am where I am today. Rah Virginia Mil.

2002: Caleb A. Sylvester
Nicknames: Benny D. Roberto, Benny Boy
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Electrical Engineering



Ryan D. King
Deer Park, Texas

After four years of 'pressing up the hill of science,' you learn the value VMI's "education." The lessons you learn within the confines of barracks and what you apply to life. These lessons are taught inexplicitly through experience and endurance of a regimented system. These lessons are why I will be able to appreciate my decision to have endured these hallowed walls year after year. This arduous experience taught me to appreciate my family and to value simplicity. Through the uncompromising and methodical ratline, I have learned the importance of the individual. I compliment the class system for imbuing the essence of true friendship and loyalty. Perhaps, I am most indebted to a few individuals who I have shared close-quarters with and who impacted me. I acknowledge Will for proving procrastinators do succeed; Nate for demonstrating, 'if at first you don't succeed,' take time off and recuperate; Lawton for teaching me to keep an open mind; Kyle for epitomizing modesty and competitive hustle; Andy for exemplifying motivation and humility; and Greg for teaching me to stick up for myself and explaining the heresy of passivism. I commend my dykes for being great examples and I hope to have done the same for my rats. Most emphatically, thank you to my parents, siblings, and Ashley Mayes.

2002: Brett Prillaman
2008: Alexander T. Gray
Nickname: Donger
ROTC: Air Force
Major: History

James B. Kingsley,
Richmond, Virginia

It's hard to believe our four y
at VMI are coming to a close
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into Barracks for the first tim
Rats. These years have been a
experience more than anythin
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coming to VMI. I surely wou
never go through it again but
glad I have done it and hope i
benefits all of us in the long r
It's hard for a lot people to ad
but I think deep down everyo
at VMI appreciates something
about the school or the lesson
experiences they are gaining.
those who don't, why are you
I thank VMI for teaching me t
sometimes life isn't fair and y
dealt bad hands from time to t
You have to keep your head u
and keep going. I have made s
unbelievable friends along the
We all went through it togethe
usually found a way to laugh i
miserable situations and make
best out of things. Tom and Wi
I had a great time living with y
for 3 years. 312, 212, and 112
some good men along the way
somehow the three of us made
Thanks for everything. I want t
thank my family for their incre
support for 4 years, there is no
I would not be where I am toda
without you. Thank you all so
much. Good Luck to everyone
the future.

2002; Joel Meeks
2008: Sean Christensen, Dylan
Nickname: Jimmer
ROTC: Air Force
Major: History

John R. Kite
Richmond, Virginia

a remember when my dyke sat
a to write his biography and
r ing that this seems so far away,
l ever get there. But alas, after
u very long, challenging and
w rding years, I have arrived at the
o f my journey here at VMI. Most
p rtantly, I would like to say thank
y o the people who have helped
e long the way. Thank you to my
n ly, for supporting and believing
r e: every year you have provided
e vith love, support and guidance.
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t teaching me, but personally
c g about me. Thank you to
V I for providing such wonderful
p rtunities that have had such a
b ound impact on my life. Thank
y to my Rat—Ryan I hope your
c tship is as rewarding as mine has
a , make the most of it and take
a ntage of every opportunity. Last
c certainly not least, thank you to
B rother Rats. It wasn't until VMI
I could distinguish between a
a d and an acquaintance. I have
a fortunate to not only meet but
f riends with some of America's
s t young adults. I consider it a
p ilege to have been a cadet at
V I.

2: Jason taylor
8: Ryan Rose
TC: Marine Corps
jor: History

Peter I. Knowles
Richmond, Virginia

I can say I've had some good times and some bad times. Passing out on the stoop for two hours in a trash can, yeah maybe not a great idea, but I didn't get caught. Having the Commandant call the room and "open den" still trying to figure that one out. Running out behind L-Trains house to go to W&L not so bad, coming back again after having a good time, just being stupid, but all done in good fun. I can't say I wouldn't do it again, but I would do it differently. At some level sad to leave, but then again at this point it time just so happy to finally have a life.

To the Rats: Rats remember you have taken the road less traveled, regardless of outcome no one can take from you what you have accomplished. Remember you BR's, not let the BR spirit wash away as the years go by. Now its not cadre you have to worry about it's the admin, and you have a lot of allies in that fight, everyone in barracks.

P.S. Sorry about fake-out, it was more an attempt for the first class to gain some control again since the date of your breakout was set in January of 2004. The first class should decide when your ready, you will understand in three short years. Enjoy your time here as best you can, you will miss it when your gone.

ROTC: Air Force
Major: Civil Engineering

Andrew M. Kochli
Richardsville, Virginia

Well it's been a wild ride but I guess I've made it. First of all I need to thank my family: my parents for showing more all around support than I could have asked for or probably deserved, and Ben and Dave for the love and motivation. I also need to thank the higher being that with no doubt watched over me, and my extended family for the love and praise. Of course my friends here have been the ones that helped me get through the day to day. My roommates from rat year up until now have all had an impact, and I can't forget my dykes that had a huge impact on the cadet I became and the person I am, for better or for worse. This place has taught me a few lessons, but particularly to remember that "it's not so bad" and "it could always be worse." Fittingly I've put off writing this thing just as I have procrastinated for the last four years and sorry to anyone I forget as I give a quick list of friends I'll never forget. Good luck: (roomies) Bodie, Sam, Kyle, Mcguire, Tim. Sully, Tucker, Jim, Frank; (buds) Hesse, Ski, Lockard, Henry, Blake. Timmie, Petty, Adam. Thanks to my dyke Chris, and remember Derek, Jay, and John to keep your heads up. Same goes for all the underclassmen I couldn't mention. I have to steal a quote from Brickhouse. "In the words someone once heard Stonewall Jackson say: IHTFP".

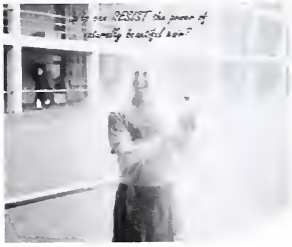
2002: Chris Lane
2008: Jason Fitzke
ROTC: Army
Major: History

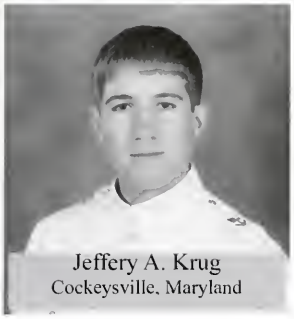
Scott A. Kreckman
Springfield, Ohio

For 4 long years I fought to stay in this school, for reasons I am still unsure of. But, as many of my Brother Rats are also aware of. Graduation will be sweet release from this Institution that has housed for a small chunk of our lives. It hasn't been all work and no play however; we have had our fun. With the help of my roommates Al Chatwood and Steve Cunningham we brought back the Rat Dance Committee within room 104. When things got tense, oddities were created such as Bunker 104. What seems like a waste of time was a release and a way to have some fun in this otherwise dark school.

It's almost over though, and I will be venturing out into the real world along with the rest of you. That world that many of us have both feared and longed for is just on the other side of those big stone gates. Our entire lives have been built up to this, and we are the best prepared men and women because of the torment and grief we have been put through. We are ready for the world: let's see if the world is ready for us. Let's hit the world with both barrels blazing and I'll see y'all on the other side.

Nicknames: Scotty, Peaches, Scotch, Kreck
ROTC: Army
Major: Psycology





Jeffery A. Krug
Cockeysville, Maryland

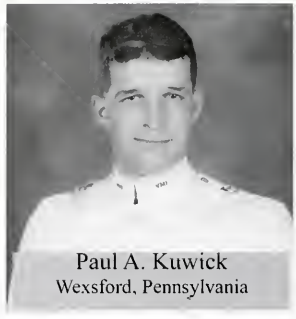
I can't believe these four years are finally over. What a unique experience, something that I'm sure I'll always remember. Not just the bad times, which were one too many, but the good times spent here with friends are something that I'll never forget. There are a lot of things that I didn't like about this place, but the people I became friends with and the memories that we shared are what got me through it and taught me many valuable lessons. Best of luck to all my friends with their careers, I'm sure I'll miss you guys more than VMI and all its charm. Good luck to everyone that still has more time here, remember that it ends eventually. Finally, I'd like to thank all my family, friends, teachers and coaches who stood by me these four years, without you I probably would have never made it. I never thought this day would come, but it's finally here, and not a minute too soon.

2002: Ben Midura
2008: Matt Turner
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Matthew J. Kurz
Midlothian, Virginia

When I signed the matriculation book four years ago I had high hopes and aspirations for my tenure as a VMI cadet. Now that my cadetship is coming to a close I can honestly say that my time spent within the four walls of barracks has been the most meaningful and rewarding experience of my life. While my academic endeavors and countless nights in Scott Ship Hall have provided me with an education by the standard definition, it is the larger lessons about life and the everlasting friendships that I will carry with me to life beyond Limit's Gates. Through my time spent in a VMI uniform I have matured and grown into a person that, four years ago, I would have never thought I could become. However, I could have never completed this journey alone. Thank you to my parents, brothers, and sisters for your endless support, love, and motivation throughout my cadetship. To my Brother Rats: thank you for making the last four years such a memorable and valuable experience. Wherever your lives and futures may take you, remember that the ideals and values we learned and embraced during our time at VMI and there will be no bounds on what you can accomplish. In the end, I know that wherever I go, or whatever I do, I will never again be surrounded by such a fine group of men and women as the class of 2005!

2002: Jude Lau
2008: Adam Spontarelli
ROTC: Air Force
Major: History



Paul A. Kuwick
Wexsford, Pennsylvania

Hahahahah....and four years later I find myself writing my own biography, something that has taken a trial of four years to get to. I do not regret and I am thankful that I have gone to this school. I have learned my strengths, weaknesses, never to shy away from a challenge, how to rely on others through tough times and how to search within myself and find the strength and will to carry on. The most important lesson that I have learned is you never truly find out what type of individual you really are unless you have challenged yourself.
Starting in 469 to 310 to 202 and finally 101 I have done a lot during this four year journey. I am leaving the "I" with thousands of memories. The most important being those of my friends, my BRs in Golf Co. and my roommates since Third Class year: Benny, Samuel and Levita. The EEs Curtis, Kanchanadet, Alfred, Benny D, Johnny, Waindawg and Jeng-o-fet. And the dozens of additional people that have shared this experience with me.
I would like to thank my mom for her support, because only the good Lord and myself truly know how much you helped me become the person I am today.
To my rats, Marcus, Zachria, Brian, Travis, Fiore and the friends that I will leave, I wish you the best of luck with your journey.

2002; Curtis VanCleve
2008: Mark Woodard
Nicknames: Paulie; P.D.
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Electrical Engineering

Daniel W. Kwon
Timonium, Maryland

I never thought I would be so thrilled about leaving a single in my entire life. And now I h to summarize four years of m in 250 words or less. The best to describe VMI: the place yo love to hate. I don't know hov would have been able to survi four years here without the he the friends that I have made a the way. Those are the people that made the "VMI experienc tolerable. To my roommates i cell block 106. Jeff, "the most considerate person" I know, y always kept the rest of us in th room from going crazy by fin someone else to make fun of. I have absolutely no idea how gonna survive four years in th Force without you stopping m from making a terrible mistak Danny, it stinks that you have spend another year or so here. don't let it get the best of you. the rats: don't let this place get best of you and make the most of it. Try not to make bad deci and get in trouble; it's not wor it. But if you do, make sure yo having fun when you do it! Fir to Mom, Dad, and Steve: Than for supporting me in everythin that I have done during these l four years. I know you all only want the best for me and want watch me succeed in life.

Jeffery F. Lange
London, England

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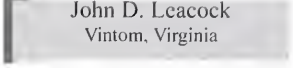
thing profound, ground
ing, or devastatingly articulate
is bio., which I suppose is
priate since this place I've
for the last few years is dull
rey rather than flashy and
ful. Instead I'm simply going
ntion the people that have
a profound effect on my life.
ng my stay here at VMI I have
with three people. Andy, you
t me how to move through the
l with a vision, never minding
others thought or letting them
in your way. Alex, I've always
in awe of your consistent
om and your worldly heart, but
of all your stubbornness and
mination to do what is right.
, I shared your company for all
years here at VMI, and wouldn't
back a single one. You have
d me to look in the mirror and
who I am, for better or worse,
and time again. Your steadfast
tards and high expectations have
me substance that I will never
t, and hope always to try and
up to. To my rats, Heath and
oh, you have both taught me
than I could ever hope to teach
and I wish you the best of luck
your future. There are many
rs that should be mentioned,
many memories that through the
of time that will be forgotten,
here is something gained that
become a part of me forever.

C: Marine Corps
or: History

Thomas A. Largi
Clifton, New Jersey

My time at VMI is comparable with a long and twisted road. Despite the odd lifestyle the friendships and experiences that I have had can never be substituted. Room 409 had its share of trials and tribulations but somehow my roommates and I(Gallmann – Toolbag, Shapiro – Shappy, Williams – Just Ken) made it to be thirds. Third Class year marked the ribbon cutting of "stogie stoop", the introduction of Thatcher ("Sally") to 309 posse (a mind altering experience), and the deployment of Wallace (Specialist) to sunny Cuba. With the never ending third class year behind us we moved towards Ring Figure, clearly the best time of my life that I will never remember. First Class year had one heCK of a kick off; one with changes to the Corps.
To, the never ending rotation of roommates, Rob (Ears) it's been an experience. Our extended first class freedoms to include GP drinks, way-to-hooah park rangers, and the never ending rat specials made the year memorable. Rats (Brookes, Lucas, Vezza, Graff, Curry, Kusma) I hope that you one day become the men we want you to be. To my BRs and especially Delta Co, it's been a great four years I thank you all and I wish you all FOR the best for years to come.

2002: Sean Bolling
2008: Brett Lucas, Pete Brookes,
Nicknames: Large-Eye, Old Man
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Electrical Engineering



John D. Leacock
Vintom, Virginia

Thanks Mom, Dad, Daniel, and Alyssa I couldn't have gotten through this place without having the great family I do. I love you guys and you don't know how much you mean to me. Margaret, thanks for being so cool. I don't know what I'd do here if I didn't have you. Lance, I think of you as a brother. I love you man. I'll always be there for you and whatever you need I'll help you get. Austin and Alan, you guys are crazy but I love you all too. Greg Carlson, you're the man. This place couldn't handle you. I had a blast in Reno you're a really good dude. To all my soccer guys; Kever, Kinger, Tony, Josh, Addison, Logan, Nathan, Page, Shakes, and all the other guys on the team, thanks for making these years fly by. This next year the guys that are staying are gonna break those records we set. Lawton, I had fun waxing intellectual palaver. To all my Hotel brethren, what a long strange trip it's been. To the guys next door, you guys are crazy. I don't know how you all have made it this far. Actually, I don't know how I've made it this far either. To those that have fallen, I'm sorry, I attribute my still being here to luck.
David and Rat Jackson, good luck in everything you try. You guys should feel lucky. You had the tightest dyke room in barracks.
D. U. double 'O' D. = DUOOD

Nicknames: The Cock, Deane
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Psychology

Won J. Lee
Millersville, Maryland

I want to thank the Lord for all the blessings in my life and getting me through four years at VMI. Dad and Mom, thank you for your love and sacrifice. I am so blessed to have such amazing parents. To all the family and friends back home, thank you for all your prayers and support. Also, to all my friends here at VMI thanks for not making this place suck everyday. Rats, you still have a lot to learn but you'll make it, just don't get into trouble like you know who. To Room 108, all I can say is it was great rooming with you all and you will always be like bro's to me. Finally, four years at VMI are over and I can get out of here.

2002: Dan Chung
2008: John Kim, Robbie Hill
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Mark A. Lenzi
Hudson, Ohio

Well, graduation is finally here. It's been a really long road. I've worked hard the whole time, but it's been worth it. I can't wait be a marine. It's what I've been preparing for throughout the past four years. I just wanted to say "Thank you" to my parents and family. You've been so supportive. To my roommates, we've been through a lot. Good luck in the future.~

ROTC: Marine
Major: Business Economics

Zachary M. Lewis
Roscoe, Pennsylvania

It's hard to believe that four years have past since we matriculated. In those years I have realized that it's not about the administration, the ratline, the inspections or the sweat-parties, but rather it's about us. The class that we have become, the friends we have made and the laughs we have shared. After four years I realize what an amazing place VMI is. We have all had those late night chats with our roommates, those drunken nights at The Palms and the many suffering that brought us closer together. It's a bittersweet experience where we must leave one another and begin our lives. Shannon, Nick and Brian I will never forget the times we have shared, and what could never be covered in a year book biography. You have taught me what it means to be a friend, but above all you have taught me about myself, and that is something few can do. Brandon, be tough when you must, play the game when it calls for it, but above all laugh and have fun always. I assure you, that no matter how long the hours may seem, and demanding the task may be, this is an awesome school and one day you will see that. Mom, Dad, Grandmothers, the rest of my family, Lorenzo, Shaun and all of my friends, you have expressed your faith and pride in my decision, which is forever priceless. I thank you all and am forever indebted to you. All the way!

2002: James Smith
2008: Brandon Carter
Nicknames: Iceman, Janitor
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Hsin-Yo Lin
Arlington, Virginia

Wow what a place VMI is. so much to take away and yet when you are going through it it just doesn't seem like it at the time. Thank you for all those who gave me support throughout my tenure here. It has been a long journey that has finally come to a close. Best of luck to my rats, roommates, and all those I care about in the years to come. Just remember that perspective is in one's perception.

ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Richard A. Litwi
Virginia Beach, Virgi

The last four years of my lif really been a long and intere journey. Now that my time a "Keydet" is finally coming t close I can truthfully say tha was the best damn soldier o hill. Even Cirillo couldn't m my high and tight. However, time here at the Institute wa easy by any means. Mom, D Michelle and the rest of my without you guys by my sid step of the way I don't know would have done it. Elliott, J Bone, Smit, Baber, Willie P rest of BaseCo (Past and Pre will never forget all the craz down at Historic Patchin Fie thanks to Ike we will never f the flood of '95. Marc, Tim, and the rest of the honorary I brother rats; I will never forg of our long endless nights sp in the Shipp. To my roomma Duke, Chris, and "Hardcore" Henry thanks for helping me it through this place, without guys I don't know how I wou have made it. I honestly see guys as a part of my family a matter what life throws at us always be there for you. To m Donaldson, JD, Wimmer, Dic and my tutor Clements; I will you with this….. Sleep 12 ho day and you will only be here years. BaseCo keep "*Getting It*!!" and don't forget the Litw thrust.

2002: Mike Bradley, John El
2008: Jaime Davis,
Nicknames: Dick, "The Dick"
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Matthew S. Lloyd
Manassas, Virginia

once told stories of a great
hat turned boys into men;
filled with disillusioned
its that this was a place where
s of a great life were created.
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it filled with empty promises
ind leadership. I don't know
e bed time stories of a great
tion ever existed but I know
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nd sometimes never wanted.
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or my future successes to the
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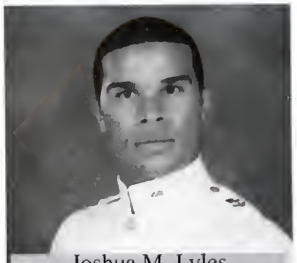
part, but to the people that
t, and to them I give my thanks.

: Chris Carroll
: Dave Feltes
names: WeeWee, Opie
C: Army
or: International Studies

Eric M. Lockard
Cleveland, New York

I would like to thank my parents for supporting me throughout my cadetship. well I can't say I always enjoyed my time at the "I," but it was worth it for the most part. T' o all my boys, we made it. I know we lost a few along the way, but we did this together. I definetly could have taken class more seriously.
I am glad I got a chance to play rugby here; we have a great team and I hope to see all of you later on various men's teams. To my rats, life stinks here, deal with it. If i made it so can you. All my friends back home, your "white boy" is getting out of jail and coming home for a while.

2002: Banche Whitlock
2008: Andrew Ratcliffe
ROTC: Army
Major: Biology



Joshua M. Lyles
Hampton, Virginia

Well, where do I begin? To my fellow members of the class of '05, congratulations. We are finally graduating from this place. To my roommates, Maury and Brandon, our First Class year has been nothing but laughs and good times. Y'all made life so much easier to deal with here. I wish you two the best and good luck. We will definitely keep in touch. To my rats, remember to always keep your heads up. Remember that it only gets better and it'll all be worth the struggle once you get out of here. To my football teammates, I love y'all. We've been through thick and thin together. If any of y'all ever need me, you know the number. Last but not least, to my parents, I love you, and am so lucky and blessed to have such wonderful parents. Thank you for your guidance and for the support that I so very much needed in the four years that I spent at this place. Oh yeah, to my best friend Kathy, I will miss you but you know we will keep in touch. Good luck and elbows!! LOL. Well, that's it. Be eazy!!

2002: Stillman Clark
2008: Lashae McMillan, Raymond Holloway
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Henry M. Lynch
Washington, D.C.

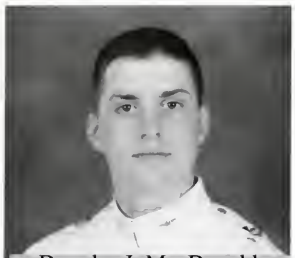
"I've loved, I've laughed and cried. I've had my fill; my share of losing. And now, as tears subside, I find it all so amusing. To think I did all that; and may I say - not in a shy way, no. oh no not me, I did it my way."
-Sinatra
First and foremost, thank you Mom. Dad, Peter, Emma and the rest of my family. There are no words to express how grateful I am to have had you all by my side throughout these four years.
To Smit, El, Jimmy, Bone, Will, Baber, and the rest of BaseCo past and present. Truly the closest clique I have ever been apart of. Thanx for all the wild times, they will never be forgotten.
To Tim, Marc and the rest of the EC BU late night study crew… couldn't have done it with out you.
To Rich, Duke, and Chris, from 374 to 146. It's been a wild ride, through the ups and the downs; I wouldn't have had it any other way. You all are as close as it gets to family, thank you for everything.
To Linda, it wasn't easy by any stretch of the imagination. There were the good times and there were the bad times; but all I know, is that I am walking out of here just as I walked in, and that's with you by my side. Thank you, I love you.

2002: Tim Friese
2008: Alex Didio, Jaime Davis
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Marc B. Lyons
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Well, it has been a long four years for all of us and I leave not with a good feeling about the institute but with good friends. I would like to thank my family for their support; and most importantly for the care packages. I love you Mom and Dad. Alex, you have made my senior year so much more enjoyable, I love you and I honestly think I would have gone crazy without you. Big-ups to Col. L-train for scratching all those specials, you da man. Donnie, thanks for being an awesome roommate for the past three years, ehhraa, go get'em. To all those business econ heads out there, it has been a blast studying with you guys for the past four years, but are department does suck ass. Rachy keep on thrustin. Shout outs to: Bunting, Tommy, Austin, Tim, Preston, G, Konto, Roman, G, Duke, Henry, China Man, Smitty, Golf crew, Gorski, Will, Jay, and to all those study buddies, you definitely know who you are. I'm glad that I have stayed to true to myself throughout these four years. If honor means being in my room every night at eleven o'clock, I will never be honorable again. I ran this place because I always kept it thorough. Teddy good luck, you were a great rat, except for the whole puke incident. I never thought I would actually be writing this.

2002: Nick Kron
2008: Teddy Davis
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics



Douglas J. MacDonald
East Hanover, New Jersey

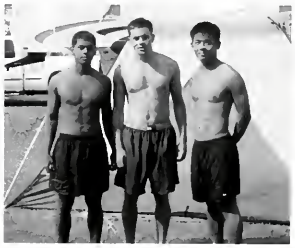
I once heard one of my BR's describe this place in the most perfect way possible – looking at VMI is like looking into an aquarium of screw-ups. I guess that's really the best way I can sum this place up. Never before and never again will I be surrounded by such a large number of screw-ups. From people who think their sole purpose in life is to have shiny shoes to raging alcoholics this place has it all. Overall though I think I've been the better for coming here. I'm sure I wouldn't have the grades I have now had I gone anywhere else. I've also gained a certain amount of confidence coming through here, knowing most of my peers wouldn't know what hardship is if it slapped them in the face. I could have done away with some of the Mickey Mouse stuff though. Anyway to Mike – I think the most important thing I've learned here is to never be held in awe of someone, give respect where it is due but no human deserves to be held in awe. That was my biggest mistake and my biggest source of disillusionment 3rd class year. Also don't take things at face value; there's a lot that goes on behind the scenes here. Good luck to all my BR's, the rats of C-26, and the group that will need the most luck: the class of 2008.

2002: Corey Stavinoh
2008: Mike Vinnaco
Nicknames: "Doug E. Fresh"
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Physics

Shushil M. Machhi
Lexington, Virginia

Four years have passed rather quickly and I've grown a lot while I've been here. I've made friends whom I know better than friends I've had my entire life. Jarred, John, Jeff, Yu-Fan, and I have been through a lot over the last three years of rooming together. Even though JC refuses to go anywhere with us during vacations I still like him. The first time I went snowboarding was with my roommates. The first time I ever went to an American beach was with my roommates. Even though we are all graduating (hopefully) we will still be doing a lot of things together, like biking cross country with Jarred this summer.
Coming to VMI was a last minute decision for me, and it turned out to be one of the best decisions I've ever made. I wouldn't trade the friends I've made here and everything that VMI has taught me for anything in the world. Even though I may not leave a great impact on VMI, it will leave a great impact on me.
I want to thank all of my roommates, Andy, Johnny, Brandon, and Henry for being great friends and good luck to you after graduation. I also want to thank my parents for supporting me and encouraging me to do the best I can; and my professors, especially the Biology Department, for everything they've done for me.

2002: Eric Vik
2008: Brandon Harrington
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Biology



Scott T. Maciejewsk
Richmond, Virginia

I look back over four years at institute and recall many thin stress, humor, anger, good tim most of all, I feel relief. Wha this crazy place means in the scheme of things, I just feel re knowing that it is almost over went from a ghost rat whose c forgot his name, to a depresse third-tie, to a happy third-tie i Europe, to a toolbag second, t first class private dodging bon escaping on the weekends. I c credit VMI with making me w am today, and I don't blame it my mistakes. Maybe, someday have the perspective to know made the hardship worth it. M someday I'll outgrow my curr devotion to DVD watching. M someday I won't need to nap a time. Maybe, someday I won't the sound of rattling keys. Last want to thank the people that h me get through this. To my par for always being there and alw supporting me, and even thoug can never say it enough, thank To my roommates Tom and Au thanks for laughing, complaini chilling, and suffering with me the 113 rats, good luck and enj your next three years. To my fr I'll see you at City Subs/the Pa Spanky's. Barkeep, can I get ju one more round?

2002: John Scott Leake,
2008: Nick Pajic, Joe McIntosh
Nicknames: Juice, The Jew
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies

Laura C. Mack
Defiance, Ohio

n know what to say. To try to
n VMI is useless. Time has
ey so fast, yet so slow. Those
ave been here know that.
been provided with more
cunities than I could have ever
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st myself so many times, it's
keep track. In the end, I
came to know myself. I still
really know how I ended up
say it was fate.
gh it all, I found one of the
important people that I will
now, my boyfriend Rob. Thank
r being the one person I know
d always go to, you have
me more strength than I could
ave imagined. You are my
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are too many people to thank,
e, and give best wishes to;
d, good luck to everyone. I
the best for you all.
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with me shall be my brother;
ne'er so vile, this day shall
his condition: and gentlemen
gland now a-bed shall think
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and hold their manhoods cheap
s any speaks that fought with us
Saint Crispin's day."
am Shakespeare

2: Jared Conrad
3: Britany Ray
name: Mackattack
C: Army
r: International Studies

Thomas F. Manley
Stafford, Virginia

My experience at VMI has been one of constant change. I am definitely a different person then I was when I matriculated. I have struggled to find my niche in this world and hopefully I am a little closer to getting there. One thing that I have learned here is that things can always be worse, so just accept it and get back to work, but try and laugh along the way. Thanks to my family and friends for all of your love and support, I couldn't have made it without you. To all my VMI buddies, thank you. I probably would have left long ago if it wasn't for all of you, especially you poor souls that have had to room with me over these long years. To all the Delta Dogs left behind, take care of each other and the company; I hope I was able to help you all through as much as you have helped me. Rats, good luck, it will be over before you know it. Just be sure to stay true to yourselves in whatever you decide to do in life. I wish everyone fair winds and following sea until we meet once more…
MAD DOG DELTA!!!

2002: Shawn Joyce, Q Smith
2008: Dan McGraw
Nickname: Tom, Manlez
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Logan J. Manning
Stafford, Virginia

It's funny how I survived this place over the last 4 years. I always pitied those who had the balls to leave. For some reason I believe that I was placed here for a reason, so I'll just go with that. To the 93%....you know who you are, just remember that leadership is a natural trait, this place can't change that. To my homies, I say its been fun, much love, and I've enjoyed playing by y'all…best group of people I've known. We've endured a lot of highs and lows with the sport we love. Funny how this place seems like it's right next to AL in its "Southernism," but I guess if you'er not from Northern VA or the beach, most likely you fit into the 93% with few exceptions. Strange how a culture shock could be so close to home with the people you meet. And tell me why we never celebrated Dr. MLK day when it's a federal holiday, it's a shame how you made me salute Lee/Jackson and say it was their day…didn't they lose! So I close my fist to this place and put up 2 fingers to those close to me ~PEACE (AR, NJ, AW, and the rest of you pluurs, …just to name a few)

Nicknames: Logan Manning, Lo-Lo
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Biology

Sean M. Matson
Mechanicsville, Virginia

VMI has been a GREAT experience whether we liked or disliked the changes that have occurred over the 4 years here. Our class was able to see probably the best and worst examples of REG CO's. Matt Thompson was a great leader, never let us down and taught our rat mass that VMI wasn't going to be easy. I think Kyle Haire was the polar opposite. To my friends going into the civilian world good luck and make a lot of money you all deserve it. To my friends heading into the military HOO YAH and I'll see you on the front line. To my friends in '06 and '07 have a great year or two. Good luck with your classes. To my RAT good luck with the next three years and make me proud! Jay remember what I told you ever day STRAIN! Good luck everyone I am OUT!

2002: Dustin Johnson
2008: Jay Pontius
ROTC: Navy
Major: Civil Engineering

Gabriel M. McCaig
Painted Post, New York

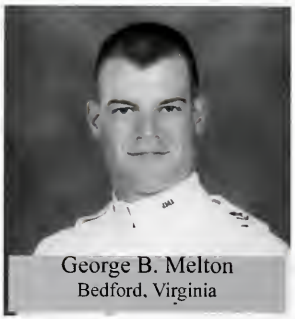
After 4 years, most of the bitterness I have for this school has gone away and I'm grown up enough to admit that I probably made a good decision by coming here. I'd like to start off by thanking my parents for their support and prayers. You are both amazing people and I'm blessed to have you in my life. I would also like to thank my roommates for helping me make the best of this place given the conditions we had to live in. You guys made this place borderline enjoyable at times, and I hope you all find success in everything that awaits you in the future. And I guess I should probably thank my study buddies for counteracting my extreme laziness and getting me through the countless dull classes. As for you Rat Pierotti... just graduate and I'll forget all about what high school you came from. All in all, VMI has taught me many great lessons and has helped me appreciate the simple things in life. I would never wish the experience that I've had over the past few years on anyone, but somehow that is why I know it has made me stronger. I leave you all with my best wishes… "I'll see you on the other side."

2002: Ben Midura
2008: Vinnie Pierotti
ROTC: Navy
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Shannon P. Meehan
Primos, Pennsylvania

Mom, Dad, Erin, Patrick: I love you. As my college experience comes to a close, I look back on what I started as, and I am amazed to see what this young, Irish Catholic, northern-boy has become. Through the cold days of Courtyard pushes, late night study struggles and my efforts in the classroom, I walk away with a well-developed character, ready for what dreams may come my way. There are many here that I am eternally indebted to. Through the thought-inspiring teachings of Col Leland that have forever opened my eyes, I am thankful. For the creativity of such professors as Col. Ball, I am thankful. And for all the professors that have inspired me at VMI, I am thankful. Through the struggles I have endured, great friendships have emerged. Having Zach Lewis by my side through it all has made VMI more like a home. Always having words of wisdom from Brian Gorski, and the backing of Nick Viar are things to remember. And we all know – by the lunch line pictures – that angel that touched my heart: my A. J. Besides taking a great picture in uniform, her dedication to me & my well-being is far beyond anything I could have dreamed. As we plan our future together, I am amazed I have a loving and caring angel like A.J. carrying me through it. Below is a picture of her and Zach ... PALS.

2002: Dave Ellington
2008: Jeremy Clement
Nickname: LuCky
ROTC: Army
Major: English



George B. Melton
Bedford, Virginia

8-20-01 <> 05-16-05, the time flew, but there are many memories. Thanks to my family and those who supported me, your love helped me make it. I made the right decision to come to VMI, and I don't regret it. The experience was tough but that's why I came. Thank you to those I was privileged to follow and lead. I learned about people and myself. Corps: get close to your BR's and help each other through down times. Stay positive, most everything here is depressing but there is a reason behind it. Have a good attitude, there are enough angry people here, don't add in. Find someone or something that makes you laugh. Be proud you go to VMI; thousands of kids don't have the chance. Learn good and bad leadership from others. Get involved; take more from VMI than VMI takes from you. You will make mistakes but that's college, learn from them and better yourself. Cherish the good times. Friends: I love you guys, I wouldn't have done it with anyone else. Class of 2005: congrats, good luck, and represent the class well. Stretch: thanks for being there; you are a true friend, good luck. Rats: do what is right; the high road isn't crowded. Keep your honor. Good luck and don't take your cadetship for granted. Thanks to all the people and events that made these past four years great.

2002: Abe Hughes
2008: Tyler Crockett, Steven Putnam
Nickname: Hawkeye
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Paul F. Mercer
The Plains, Virginia

I'm not sure what I will be t when I finally drive down L Ave. for the last time on Ma 16, 2005. The first thing that come to mind is "Thank you for helping me survive this 4 ordeal." But the more I think it, I realize that it was not m survived VMI that got me th It was the sacrifice of others got me through VMI. Thank Mom and Dad for your endl sacrifice that you have given through these 4 interesting a sometimes frustrating years. You both. Thank you Grandr Granddad Mercer for your le and commitment to my caus remember Grandma Keyser told me on Matriculation Da "You'll do fine." Thank you again, I Love You all very m owe a lot to my Dyke Brian rest of Room 122, Bear, Sco and Scott. Thank you guys. F can I forget Easy-E, Ruch, L and Ryan from 3rd class year. and Ryan, gone but never for Ruch and Easy-E, you guys h me survive the last 3 years he from 322, to 226, to 120. My Joel and John, your help and work have helped make my 1 Class year great. I wish you t the best of luck your next 3 y and beyond. Taylor-Lee, fro Class year, to Ring Figure, to thank you for being there for everyday and beyond.

2002: Brian Shepherd
2008: Joel Enterline, John Sc
Nicknames: Big T, Big Man
ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology

Sambor S. Mielnik
Brooklyn, New York

:one once told me not to look at
as a challenge, but to look at it
opportunity and take advantage
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hat this school is really about,
'm glad I learned that way. I
think I could of made it here
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Chapmans, and the many
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e everyday more enjoyable,
ks to my soldiers: Esau,
man, Rome, Eazy, Caveman,
, Ski, Heese, Henry, Timbo,
, BaseCo, Bodie, Andrew,
in, Kirkland, Tom, Timmy,
e, Petty, Clift, Ebbie, John D,
e, Maury, the entire basketball
, Zach, Mike Gilbert, Nard,
, Rich, Shaun, Ben, Roll Dogs,
ndy, my dykes Mike, Dave, and
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anyone else I forgot about, you
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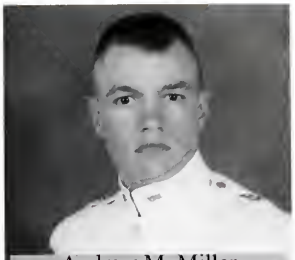


Andrew M. Miller
Swansea, Illinois

As I look back on my time here at VMI, I realize that through all the negativity and the hatefulness that seems to surround us all, the positive results of the "VMI experience" cannot be denied. As time draws nearer to the end of my incarceration here, the proverbial "light at the end of the tunnel" brightens, allowing good moods and positive attitudes that are so hard to come by here. In the end, I know that everything we experience here, good and bad, leads to a positive end. All the pain we endure on a daily basis has a purpose. Whether we submit to it or not, it makes us stronger. We just have to take the right perspective to understand it, even if it is so hard to find. I know that what I've gained from my time here has been worth every penny of the exorbitant amount of money that this little experience cost.

2002: Bryant D. Harrison
2008: Nathan W. Harris
Nickname: Milltertime
ROTC: Air Force
Major: International Studies

Bradley P. Miller
Roanoke, Virginia

After 4 years, they finally made me write this. Felt like just yesterday I laid in 450 talking to Chris and Andrew making "The Pact" that would keep me around. I guess I should start off by saying THANK YOU to my parents and sister, without you I would have never even ended up at VMI and definitely wouldn't have lasted 4 years. Now the dealznatch to my friends: Grandpa, Chris its still going to be hard to make it through week-ends without you. I couldn't have picked a better guy to sleep next to for 4 years. To my son, Andrew, you skeez, its just not going feel right not seeing you sitting to my left every night. To my Brother, Josh, do you wanna fight? The self driving cars. Coming out in the wash. From the good old days in 321, 221, will not forget those late night "talks" on the stoops (Jason) or the courageous journey (Alex). DUDE you know whats up. Ben, you coming to Roanoke tonight? Let the good times and stiff drinks roll after that year. To all the guys from the team, that was a heck of a 4 years. Brad and Chip, just keep on keeping on and this place will fly by. To all the friends I couldn't mention, those nights at the bars were great. To my "family" and friends, I know I might have caused some trouble, but I hope I made ya'alls life a little better, you made mine great.

2002: Greg Wells
2008: Brad Harvey, Chip Chace
Nicknames: Brady, Dar-B, Son
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Computer Science

Jordon P. Mills
Lynchburg, Virginia

It's been a long journey down this bumpy road, but it's finally over, at least for the majority of us. For Jordan it's a different story though. The struggle still exists for this unique individual, but not in the manner which everyone expects. As a Marine his struggle is against those who intend to infringe on the liberties that make America and for such dedication we should look up to Jordan Parker Mills, a soldier of the highest caliber. He's endured more hardships in his life at this age than anyone else I have ever met. He's always been there to lend a hand even when it was blatantly obvious that such courtesy would drastically affect his schedule. His patience in dealing with issues in the room surpassed that of any other roommate, making his presence desired by everyone. While he may not have achieved excellence in the academic field, he was working harder at achieving excellence in a much more important field, inner-self. It is from Parker that I learned academic performance doesn't make a man, but that dedication and unrelenting struggle towards the achievement of any personal goal makes a man. It is because of soldiers of his character that I feel safer within my own country. Parker, we're all going to miss you. Stay strong, and we'll all see you on the other side of the gates.

2002: Frank L Trigueros
2008: Robert Jordan, Mike Werle, Brad Williams, Dave Patterson
ROTC: Amry
Major: International Studies

Sean T. Moore
Hedgeville, West Virginia

And here we sit, hungry young men in some crazed militaristic model of the universe. Nothing to feed on but new rules and modifications to old ones. Slaves to cheap booze and fast women. And we wait. We wait for that final wave of kegged beer and illegal smoke to smother the whole place and send it straight to the very depths of Hades. Amen.
VMI is like a new pair of underwear, at first it's constrictive but after a while it becomes a part of you. And after four years of it keeping a firm grasp on your butt, bustin' your balls, and tuggin' at the old shorty and curlies, I'd say that it's time to finally throw the crap away.

2002: Darian Lafferty
2008: Matt Harrison
Nicknames: Dicky, Big Peace
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Buisness Economics

John A. Morgan
Clarksville, Maryland

All things must come to an end. I am very grateful for my experiences at VMI and would not trade them for anything in the world. There have good times and bad times here at the Institute, but my most lasting memories will be of the people I met while here. Col. Rivers, Col. Irby, and Maj. Deverona set the example for the type of officer I will work hard to become, and Sgt. Wineman instilled in me the motivation and work ethic I needed to become a history scholar. The guys in the corps who never took this place or themselves too seriously, and the lax team, I enjoyed sharing barracks with you. VMI is full of great people; you just have to look harder to find them.
Jeff, Matt, and Gabe are the friends who were always there and who will always be there. My mom and dad supported me through everything, and kept me focused on my goals. Tim and A.K, I hope you guys take as much away from college as I did. Graduating from VMI was a team effort; thank you all. I am proud of the person that I have become and I am confident that VMI has prepared me to endure, succeed, and to positively impact the world I am about to enter.

2002: John Eddy
2008: Brett Whitsitt
Nickname: J-Man
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Reese S. Morris
Woodbridge, Virginia

Our time here at the "I" has come to an end, what is there really to say? My time here has been long and arduous, full of hardship and bull. My cadetship: what a long strange trip it's been. I would like to thank my parents who have always been there for me and supported me whenever I needed it. To my roommates: JB and Rock, thanks guys, you have been awesome. We have had many a good time, consumed many a bottle of booze. To my Dykes: Frank, Tank, and Neil, thank you for teaching me how to handle the obstacles VMI throws at you. To my rats: I hope I have done as well with you guys as my Dykes did with me. Persevere and don't let the "man" keep you down. Stay strong and live through it. Though it may seem long and trying now, it goes by faster than you think. To my brother rats: though this place tries everyone's last nerve at some point and brings most of us to the edge of our sanity, one thing has always been there to keep me going. If it weren't for the class of 2005, I wouldn't be here today, and I thank you all.

2002: Frank Slavin
2008: Eric Sherrard, Olen Johnson
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Christopher A. Mulle
Canby, Oregon

Finally. After four long years we've finally made it. Now w all can look back at Barracks, give it the bird and say with well-deserved pride, "I beat yc I won." Then it'll be our turn t walk away with everything thi school has given us. Although some of the worst feelings I ha ever felt were coming back to t place after a furlough and wak up in barracks every morning, place has given me more direct and opportunities that I simply couldn't get from anywhere els I've hated this place for four yc but I will always remember it f what it has instilled in me. If it wasn't for the constant support love, and guidance from my fa I doubt I would have gone this far. That goes for the Rossi's. friends, all those who have help me, and my Brother Rats as we This achievement was not made individually. To the rats, Dan, Evan, John, and Pat: don't let th place get to you and don't let yc goals focus on beating the syste but getting everything you can out of it. Your cadetship is what you make of it. Make it one to remember, make it hard. To my roommates and my class, the fo years spent here have been the b and worst of my life. I'm proud have spent them with all of you.

2002: David Rossi
2008: Matt Pennington
Nicknames: Mullet
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Ryan A. Murphy
Marshall, Virginia

dt know it the first time I rd through Jackson Arch, Inow now that coming to Ivas the best decision I ever d It flew by, but I'll never ppreciating the experience I Ire or the friends I've made. vr thought I could get this co my family or friends, I often depended on to see ighter side of things, and t to give them my never-g thanks. As for VMI, I know came here, and I loved second of it. Yes it's hard, an, and painful, but if it was everyone would do it, and ouldn't have that cocky VMI le. It's just one more story to nd one more aspect of your cter that sets you apart from one who didn't challenge elves. Take this place as the that it is, and play along. If on't like it, leave. Many have e, and that only adds to our nplishment. Learn from this and its proven system, and lly give back so that it's just a better than how you found it culation Day. Never forget the times that do come from here ne friends that share the best vorst days with you. Thanks roomies, the Gentlemen, my and family. Roger and Mike, he rest of 103 and 105, learn this place and enjoy as much us you can. Keep the faith.

: Gordon Powers
: Roger Leonhart
names: Murph, Murphdogg
C: Army
r: History

Emily J. Naslund
Bloomington, Minnesota

I've learned a lot about myself and the person I want to be. (I've had enough time to figure it out with all the confinement I've served.) The friendships and bonds you make at this school are unlike anywhere else. It's the people here that have pulled me through these last four years and I will never forget the time's we've shared. Margaret, "that's my roommate!", you are an amazing friend and I know I wouldn't have made it without you. Mark, I will definitely miss you and I know you will succeed with everything you do. Amber - you're the best & I will miss you girl. Pam – a great roommate, a great friend, I will miss you. Ania and Noe – you are awesome and I will miss you both. To my family – I love you all so much and without your support and faith in me I wouldn't have made it. Mom, you mean so much to me and I couldn't have done it without your support. I admire that you're passionate about everything you do… maybe someday I will write a book. Dad, "Emily's Dad", I love you so much and I hope someday, if I'm lucky, I'll turn out just like you. Whitney and William, you are the best siblings in the world. I know I'm ready to leave this place, but it's going to be very difficult to leave all the memories and my unbelievable friends.

2002: Ronnie Hull
2008: Ania Najda, Noelia Martin
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Buisness Economics

Saul R. Newsome
Douglasville, Georgia

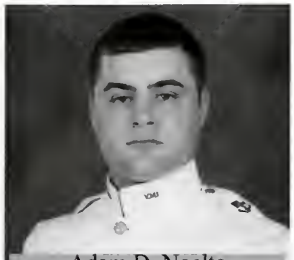
For the past four years I have desperately tried to find a balance. So far I've failed miserably. It was always too little sleep, not enough time and binge studying. It may not have been in the right areas or right time but I've given "Mother I" four years of everything. It has left me utterly exhausted and perfectly satisfied. I wouldn't change it in any way. We all at one point had great aspirations for VMI. You may still have them or you may have lost them on day one. But I truly believe you have to force this school to hold up its end of the bargain and make it live up to its full potential. This year we've all seen that The Institute will always try and change the corps. The Institute wants to take the fun away, it wants to let you down….don't let it. Remember the school exists because of us. We are its Shine, we are its Shimmer. Ask an alumnus if he wants to visit Post during furlough, while the corps is gone. My roommates, you were my life, I am loyal to you until the end, you know this. C-29 crew (DD), late nights were the only time to roll. To my escape room, you were often the only ones keeping me human, thank you. To my Rats, we were lucky to get you. Make the difference, do what you know to be right. To 2008, I have done my best to give you something to be proud of, remember the little things matter, they serve a purpose. Discipline and Pride.

2002: Dave Rossi
2008: Jacob Widrick
Nicknames: SWB, Skull, Trunks
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: International Studies

William L. Nickels
Orange, Virginia

Well I reckon four years is up – its been a time that has passed both quickly and slowly.
I remember drinking 40s in room 438 and the time that thing flew by the window; late nights on the 7th floor of NEB spent throwing everything that wasn't nailed down out the window; watching bad movies and smoking packs of Lucky Strikes. When I was a rat CAPT Powell told me I looked like Timothy McVeigh – can you believe that? I've enjoyed coffee breaks, beer runs – pretty much all beverages come to think of it – that time we got rings, running the block, doing totally sweet homework almost every night, being cool in grey blouse at supper (if only I'd been born smart instead of so freakin good looking). In short, thanks for the memories VMI.
I've held off mentioning names and thanking people, but that's only because the list would go on further than I'm willing to write. Ya'll know who you are.

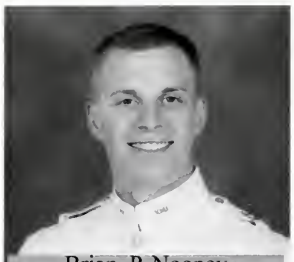
2002: Brad Sorrel
2008: Jake Vishneski
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Mechanical Engineering



Adam D. Noelte
North Scituate, Rhode Island

Four years have come and gone and while this place changes all the friends remain the same. Allen we have been through a lot man but I have to say there isn't anybody else that I would have wanted by my side for those four years. Tripp, Frank, I was glad to have you as roommates. You're a couple of interesting individuals. To Jay, Matt, Gabe, Jeff, Erik we lost some along the way but that only brought us closer together as teammates. To Smitty, Bone, Erbs, Jimmy, all those long nights playing Halo kept us sane and those longer nights studying just about made me insane but those of you up in Scott Shipp high school know what I'm talking about. Dubbs, Levi, Eskimo, we had some fun house parties. Keep your heads up boys only one more year and it goes by fast. Marc, Hank, Duke, Rich, we made it through and that's all that matters. To my rats, I hope you have learned enough from me that you will be able to make it through this place while remembering that it's just a game. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose but it's always worth playing. Well I think that's about it, I'm not going to talk bad about anything here, those of you who truly knew me know where I stand.
"If the minimum wasn't acceptable it wouldn't be called the minimum."
--George Muncaster
Future 5th Year men for Life!

2002: Nate Plecha
2008: David Jacobs, Brian Peeler
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Buisness Economics



Brian P. Nooney
Richmond, Virginia

The time has come to say good-bye. I will definetly miss the people, they have made memories that will remian forever imbedded on my mind.
Thank you for the support from my family, I can't tell you how much that has meant for me over the years.
Rats, I wish you success, and I hope that I set an example which will serve you in the future. Remember to look to the man on your right and left when times get rough and pull each other through. Take care all, hope to see you in the future.

ROTC: Air Force
Major: Business Economics

Matthew G. Noreus
Gladstone, Michigan

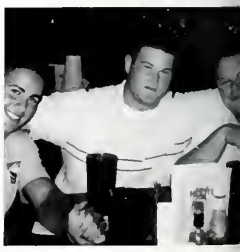
To my family, thanks for supporting my decision to come here and helping me persevere. Sven and Pappy, thank you for forcing me to be confident, self-reliant, and molding me into a complete man. Perhaps I can compare to you guys in my endeavors and bringing my rats along. Rory, you're the best friend I have ever had. You're like a brother. It's been the best living with you these past years. Jordan, Cody, Chase, Chatwood, Muller, Sauls, Huggard, Brandon, and anyone I forgot to mention thanks for being the best bunch of friends I could ever have, it means a lot. Betts, this place will beat the heck out of you more than once. Remember that in its own dark and scary way it's shaping you into a better man. To the rats in C-25, work hard and help each other out. VMI has taught me to embrace the suck. Not like spilled coffee on my ducks suck, not my car got towed suck, but cataclysmic the world is ending suck. For that, I have found myself able to take on much more than I ever thought possible. I am a much stronger man now then when I first arrived and much of that is due to my friends as much as anything else. I feel much better prepared to face the absurdity of modern life and the military and not only survive but succeed. I have a diploma, ring, and an unending supply of smart remarks, finally a good VMI deal.

2002: Sven Jensen
2008: Alfred Emanuel Betts III
Nickname: Notorious
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies

Robert J. Oaks
Provo, Utah

I entered the walls of barrack with a desire to be a cadet an eventually an alumnus. Thro the relationships formed and trials and hardships experien the ratline I grew as a person as a cadet. We have all grow the strong class that we are t and will be long after gradua I want to express my gratitud to my roommates Matt Dowl Sean Moore, and Ryan Schel for being there when times w tough and there didn't seem t a light at the end of the tunne will never forget you. The bo of friendship formed here wil last long after we graduate an would not trade them for any I am grateful for the opportur that I have had to represent V as a member of the football t it has been a very memorable experience. I would like to th my family, especially my mot for the undying support they l extended to me throughout m life and over the four years I h spent 3,000 miles away from here in Virginia. I have grow love the east coast but am anx to take the proud traditions of VMI back to Utah. I am so grateful for the opportunity th have had to lead the Class of This responsibility has truly b one of the greatest challenges my life but it has also been on the greatest blessings.

ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology



Rory P. Opanasets
Braintree, Massachusetts

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ith all the opportunities I
ed to succeed. I love you
than you guys know. To my
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breed. Inspire those around
o succeed with honor and
rity. Matt, I never have met
ne that is as loyal, trustworthy,
entertaining as you, you've
my best friend for the last 4
s, and I'm sure for a lot more
me. Jordan, you are the true
odiment of an English major
a great friend. Thank you to all
y BR's, especially Cody and
k, I could not ask for a better
p of friends. I would not have
ved VMI without your support
rcasm. John and Nick, it was
rivilege to be your Dyke. I'm
d of you both. A.J., Joel, and
n, take care of each other, stay
f trouble, and remember the
l times we had in C-25. It has
a long and difficult adventure,
t was worth it. God bless and
l luck!
k On

2: Mark Mills
3: John Cristiano, Nikolai Howe
name: Opie
C: Army
or: International Studies

Brain Park
Corte Madera, California

Looking back on my time here at VMI, it flew by faster than I would have ever imagined. While at VMI I have learned a lot about honor and character, and I am truly grateful. To my roommates Jeff, Alex, and Andy: we have gone through a lot together both good and bad, but I will always cherish the times we had here together. You guys will always be brothers to me. Brian, I hope that your experiences here will be good ones, and I know you'll do well. Brother Rats, thanks for the experience and good luck to you all. Keep your head up high!

2002: Jared Conrad
2008: Brian Holt
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Biology

Seth H. Parker
Williamsburg, Virginia

Ratline, confinement, Morocco, hiding the car up-town, New Year's at JMU...scaling an apartment, Pre-CDQC at TAMU...I need a cheeseburger and meeting the wizard, Dive School in Key West "fun in the sun", swim team, Ring Figure, losing a friend's brother in Cancun, conpro, spring break in Key West...getting lost and throwing coconuts and skydiving, Metallica, cross-country trip...Virginia Beach to L.A. and back, UVA, the sinks...
Thank-you Mom, Dad, and Alexis for supporting me.
Donnie, Bobby, Barrett, Chris, Phil, and Shane...good luck and make the most of your time here.

2002: "Q" Smith
2008: Donnie Glass
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies

Michael E. Parsons
Lakeville, Ohio

These last four years have not been the most enjoyable, but I don't think anybody comes to VMI for the party. It is for the experience, tradition, and lasting friendships. These I have found.
Thanks to those who made it worth while and gave me reason to keep coming back…for my boys in Tiger Echo to keep the pride (and to a few good men in Delta), to 427 where it all started and to 111 where it ends, to my CE nerds of NEB and the many long nights, to the rats in our room, to my family for everything, and most of all to my Dad for helping me to get where I am today. God Bless.

2002: Sean Hoover
2008: Lam Ly
Nicknames: Lumberjack, DP
ROTC: Army
Major: Civil Engineering

Alexander A. Paul
Nokesville, Virginia

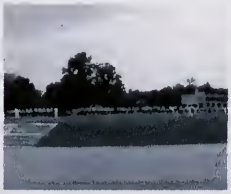
It has been a long exhaustive four years for everyone in the Class of 2005 and now the time has come to get out of here. I would like to thank God for blessing me with the gifts and virtues he has bestowed upon me and which has molded me into the person that I am today. I would like to thank my family for helping me out through these four years. I also would like to thank my Brother Rats for being there when I needed you guys and for the being the best freaking class in barracks. Hey Jimmy, I want you to keep working hard and pursue your dreams bro because having dreams is what makes life tolerable. I always remember that you were the PINGAFACE in the room. Phil, we had good times with Delta Force and America's Army; Adam, you always were a funny looking guy; John, I remember laying the smack down on David's rack one day; David Shedd, you are the white colored brother in the room…so give me some DAP, DAWG! Fernando, keep up those grades and man your chokehold was the ultimate weapon in room 14 and finally Will, I never knew how you could "zzzzzzzzz" at Chris' desk. Remember September 11, 2001 and may those souls rest in peace. and Finally good luck to my roommates Chris, Josh, and David… it was a memorable and great year. Godspeed to the class of 2005.

2002: Jason Goldstein
2008: JS Gracia
Nicknames: Paulie, Big Paulie
ROTC: Air Force
Major:

William H. Paulette
Richmond, Virginia

I would like to start by thanking all the people who helped me through VMI. Tom and Jimmer, you've been great. We have had many great times in the '12s, and I could not have asked for better roommates. Jimmer: best of luck in the Air Force; and Tom just find a way to graduate. Baseball guys: Duke, Dick, Baber, Animal, we have been through a lot, but it has been awesome. Good luck in whatever you do, I know we will always remain best friends. To my rats, work and play hard. I know VMI is not always the greatest place, but try to have some fun, it is college after all. Finally, Mom and Dad, ya'll have truly been better than I could possibly ask for. Through good and bad times, you have been there to pick me up and support me. I love you.
Now for some memories: Rat year with Crockett, Dobbins, Canfield...312 with Hilton… football tailgates…New Years at my house…New Years sunrise, wedding?...Ring Figure sunrise… Oxford w/ Chris, Nate, Brad, Thomas, James Lloyd, Kate-lan… Paris, passport?...British Open… Red Oak nights…Road trips, Georgia Southern, ETSU, Stetson, FSU, hits on the road?...D.C. sunrise w/ Dick, Sunday bullpen?...Nags Head at Animals, Kinloch, sunrise w/ MC.. Eva…its good to be done.

ROTC: Air Force
Major: English



Maury D. Pauling
Hampton, Virginia

VMI is a place that brings out the true colors in everyone who goes there. This institution is a fine place to go. There are some people that you can do without. You come here thinking you know who your friends are and who you can trust, but by the time you leave you know for sure who's genuine and who's not. I have made the best friends here, and I have had some of my best friends taken away from me here. I can honestly say this place has made me stand back and look at people more closely before choosing friends.
You have to be strong-minded to get through VMI and those who aren't: it shows.
I would like to thank Coach Cal and the Keydet club for giving me the chance to play college football. After four years playing at VMI, although they were not winning seasons, I have learned to hang in there when things don't go my way and to keep pushing on. I'm proud to be part of a team that sticks together no matter what.
I would like to thank Ryan Harris for rolling my hay every morning and cleaning up the room every now and then. To Shea, Ray-Ray, Terrell, and Luc, ya'll keep it real. Don't follow anyone, make them follow you. Hang in there fellas and whatever ya'll do, be the best at it. To Josh and Brandon, thanks for a good year.

ROTC: Army
Major: Buisness Economics

William C. Pearl
Loudon, New Hampshire

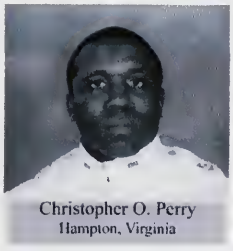
My time at VMI started out very slowly, but by the end I have realized it has been the quickest 4 years of my life. Thanks to all of the people who have supported me along the way. Mom and Dad, I know I have made you proud, with a few exceptions of course, and I hope to continue to due so after graduation. To all of my friends here at VMI, it has been a pleasure. I have had the time of my life getting to know all of you. Ty, Jim and Dan, you guys have been great roommates. Dan, it is too bad you missed out on the experience of a #5. We know you were with us in spirit. I will miss all three of you. Ty, good luck being the first of the roommates to take the plunge. Brickner, I have enjoyed the time spent on the track with you. Good luck next year. Love all you guys on the track team. Summers at VMI have produced enormous changes in my life. Who knew they could be so fun? Here's to new beginnings. Fricke, Spanu and Colin, if I had never met you guys, I would have been better off. lol. The local authorities will never be the same because of us. We're a wild bunch. Thanks for a great year Theresa. Good luck to my Co-Dykes Brian, Alex, James, and Laura. Good luck Rats. Here's a Bud light to the future.

2002: Steve Ward
2008: Pat Zanelotti, Matt Bierlein
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Chemistry

Marco A. Perez
Calexico, California

Graduation has come and I am about to enter into the world as a VMI alumnist. It's been great to have such an...interesting time here at VMI.
Good luck to all my friends. I will finally be able to get some sleep again since the newspaper is finally finished.
Take care all. -

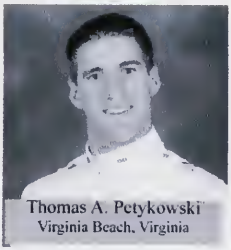
2002: Gene Cauthan, Jason Armstead, Sergio Giaccetti
2008: Jeff Marcey,
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Buisness Economics



Christopher O. Perry
Hampton, Virginia

First of all, I want to thank God for getting me this far through life. I know without Him this would not have been possible. Next, I want to thank my family, especially my mom and dad. Thank you for your support and the encouragement to drive on. Thank you for the hard earned dollars that you've invested in me. I can't say thank-you enough to the both of you. Next I want to thank my girlfriend. Thank you so much for what you have done for me and what you continue to do. What we have is special and you were the one that I could come to when no one else would understand, and I thank you for that. To my rats, thank you for your hard work and the support you have given the class of '05. Thank you to anyone I have not mentioned, but most importantly to my family and my girlfriend, I love you all.....

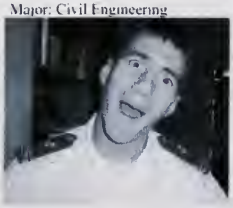
2002: Brian MacDonnel
2008: Richard Wegner, Jeff Marcey
ROTC: Air Force
Major: History

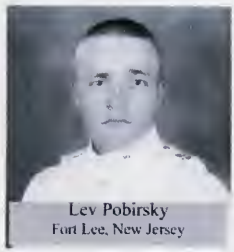


Thomas A. Petykowski
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Thank you Mom, Jen, Jess, and especially Dad for having the patience to deal with and support me through everything I have done. I never thought I would have gone to VMI, but after one unfortunate night, I found myself applying. Now, I realize that coming to VMI was not as unfortunate as I first thought. I have made many great friends and have had many opportunities that I may not have been able to take advantage of somewhere else. Taylor was a bit crazy, hopefully I will stay in touch. My roommates, Adam Clift, Timmy Foran, Blake Bryant, have been great friends, thanks; we have been through a lot and have gotten out of a lot. Thanks to all the CE guys (Sean, Brett, Zane, Jeff, Rob, and everyone else who I ever studied with, including JC and the others who switched majors), you made studying actually bearable and fun. Kyle, Demarco, and all the guys from Room 152, 154, 132, we had a lot of good times and a lot of sketchy times that I will always remember and look back on fondly. To Paul (Peel3) and anyone else Adam and I may have tackled: I always had a good time even if you didn't. Air Force friends: see you in the FORCE. Thanks to all my amigos: we had sweet times. Matt: we were finally permits on the Dive Team, and Madrid was crazy; Jen and Jenn, England was fun. Finally, Tucker Rainey: sorry bud.

2002: Taylor Jones, Tim Burke, Jeff Prausa, Ryan Hickey
2008: Richard Jones
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Civil Engineering





Lev Pobirsky
Fort Lee, New Jersey

The past four years of my life are filled with a variety of memories; oddly enough, the good outweigh the bad. Yes, my perception of this place has changed throughout my cadetship. And yes, VMI is not all that I thought it would be, nor is it all I think it should be. The lessons it teaches, however, are priceless. The friends you make, irreplaceable. The people you deal with, remarkable. For all its flaws and imperfections, for all the unnecessary formations and frivolous penalties, for all the missed birthdays and broken relationships, VMI has served us well. I recall who we were in high school and compare that to what we have become: a product of the VMI system-steadfast, resourceful, quick-witted, and resolute. For the opportunity to come here, I must thank my parents, especially my stepfather, for all that he has sacrificed for me over the years. To Nina, you are the best little sister a brother could ever have. I know you will do great things. To my grandmother, thank you for being stern and unyielding. I will always love you for that. To my BR's, I wish you all nothing but the best in all your endeavors. Hopefully TBS won't be VMI part II. To my roommates, get some in the Air Force and prosecute the rest. To my rats, do the right thing, for the right reasons, always. Keep that in mind, and life will treat you well.

2002: Nathan Blythe
2008: Levan Fiore, Brian McGettigan
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: International Studies

Allen C. Porter
Castlewood, Virginia

Even though I complain often about VMI, I must admit that I found a lot to be thankful for at the Institute.
I found confidence and discipline.
I found friends and brother rats.
Most importantly, however, I found myself. I entered VMI wanting to be an FBI agent, and I will leave wanting to be a video editor. I may have never discovered this if I had not been the video editor for the Modern Languages Lab. I never thought my path would shift so severely. Being a copy editor for *The Cadet* newspaper showed me that perfectionists do serve a purpose. Being S-2 captain taught me to trust others with tasks that I struggle to give up. Being a cadet revealed that the strongest bonds are forged in the valley. Thank you to all the amazing people who have journeyed with me at VMI – Brother Rats, roommates, S-2 staff members, and many dear friends who I would not had the pleasure of meeting if not for VMI. Cody – you're the most lovable heathen I've ever known. Doug – you're right; you are smarter than most liberal arts majors. Clint – Good luck wherever you end up (don't ever discount your time at the Institute though; it'll mean a lot to you later on). To my brother rats – don't screw up because you've come a long way. To all those cadets left behind – VMI's a game, even after the ratline; just keep on playing it, and you'll win eventually.

2002: Jason Breeding
2008: Clint Adams
Nickname: Powder
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies

Jonathan R. Prible
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Thanks to my roomates, you all have made life here better. Even though our sink didn't always work and sometimes we felt like we were living in a sewer, we made it through first class year. I liked having to go to class in sweat dyke better anyways!
My time as the barracks computer guy has come to an end, hopefully you all can pull through without me.
Friends and family, thank you for your support, you have made the differnce when it seemed like it didn't matter anymore.
Rats, go forth and do great things. Good luck all!It's the night before our First Class biographies are due and like so many other things cadets do, I waited until the last minute. I'm also carrying on the tradition of every cadet by complaining; how can you write a memoir of your cadetship in 250 words?
To my family and friends beyond Limits Gate—Thank you for all the love and support you provided not only during my four years at VMI, but also for the love and support that preceded VMI.
To all the roommates (STP and beyond)—From Room 306 in STP to Club 402 to the rooms in Ghetto to New Barracks, thanks for all the memories, the good and the bad. Whether we were pushing for the music I had during the Ratline, rushing to get ready for parades or inspections with 5 minutes to go, or watching DVD's on the weekends, great times were had.
To the Room 147 Rats—Remember, you will carry on the legacy of '05. Make us proud, but more importantly, make yourselves proud.
To the Class of 2005—It's been a rough ride, but we made it. Congratulations and good luck in your endeavors.

ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Jordan S. Prior
Richmond, Virginia

It truly is amazing how a place like VMI can change a person. I came in an immature youth, barely 18 years old, and I'll leave a somewhat less mature young adult of barely 22. But the important thing isn't so much the maturity change; it's the simple fact that I have changed, and without my brother rats, my dykes, and my rats, I would have never come out the way that I have, which seems to be an improvement. Brett, you taught me how the system works and how to play it to my best advantage while developing me both spiritually and as a cadet. Using that basic foundation, Matt and Rory, my roommates for half of my cadetship, helped the most to mold me and my beliefs. While I can't thank any of the aforementioned people enough for what they did, I also can't dismiss the effects that everyone in the corps, especially my brother rats, had on me.
Each and every person I've ever had contact with has taught me something about myself, VMI, or life. And then here in my first class year, I have come full circle with Joel and Bryan as rats of my own, aspiring to be as good of a dyke to them as Brett was to me. The true legacy of a VMI cadet is not his personal accomplishment, but the effect that he has on all those around him.

2002: Brett Prillaman
2008: Joel Keneipp, Bryan Hayes
Nicknames: SMUT, Jordo
ROTC: Army
Major: English

Jonathan A Proctor
Thomasville, North Caroli

Well, boys, we made it. It's go to be interesting to see how we deal with the world, out there c our own for good. We've been together for so long, been throu so much. I have no doubt that will succeed and I look forwar reunions, chance encounters, ar phone calls out of the blue. Of course I will miss all of you (I might even miss the whole bloc place), but for us graduation wi not be a "good-bye"...it will be more of an "until we meet agair To my family: thank you for all of your love and support; I wou not have been able to make it without you. To my roommates friends, and Brother Rats: I will not cheapen our bond by trying put it into words, but it needs to said that you are without questic the greatest men I have ever met has been a privilege and an hon to share these four years with yo To Matt: Never forget what we tried to teach you. Illegitimis n carborundum.
It has been one hell of a ride, bo with just as many up's as down's but I wouldn't trade this for anything. Until we meet again..

2002: Scott Watts
2008: Matt Kokal
Nicknames: Bubba, J.P.
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies

Joseph L. Pruce
Kirtland, Ohio

lve finally made it after four
gears. I suppose I could ramble
how the Institute helped me
ver who I am or developed me
ne person I am now. However,
l value most from attending this
is the friendship of so many
e. It all comes down to the
you strained with as Rats who
ne the guys you shared beers
s Firsts. Without having my
es to make me laugh, I think I
bly would have gone nuts long
I will miss you all. I also want
nk my parents for being behind
l the way. John, someone once
ne, "hang in there, it may stink
es, but the light at the end of
nnel gets closer everyday." Just
hat advice and you'll come out
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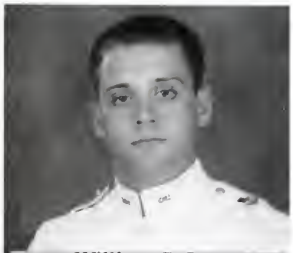
: Nate Gabor
: John Italiano
C: Navy
r: International Studies

Derek R. Rankin
Hagerstown, Maryland

One word that describes VMI is loyalty, a loyalty found in your Brother Rats, Dykes, school, and to all who wear *The Ring*. This Institution is unlike any other place with the unparalleled friendships and experiences one has in their cadetship. It brings both hardships and good times, but all of those times were not spent alone, but together, side by side through sweat parties, exams, sports, parades, and partying with the best of friends. It seems like your time here takes an eternity while you're here, but those four years go by so fast and all those times good and bad will just be memories. Looking back I will miss the crazy spring breaks, JMU, talks after taps, and singing to the 80's. To my roommates: Thanks for taking care of me! You saved my butt a thousand times and got to laugh at it just as much. You guys are the best and I could not have done this without you. Never forget all the good times; Custed will never die! Rats: You have made me proud, now ride it till the wheels fall off. If they do, get back up and keep on going. I have faith in you, and keep it in yourselves. You too will be in our shoes very soon. Good luck! 2005 Remember your roots and never lose that loyalty you have to VMI and each other. As Europe sang, "It's the final countdown." But every end has a new beginning, no goodbyes, I'll see ya'll real soon.

2002: Wes Tatum
2008: Tyler Anthony
Nicknames: D-ROCK, CUSTED
ROTC: Air Force
Major: International Studies



William C. Ray
Richmond, Virginia

VMI has been quite an experience that I will never be able to articulate to someone who has never donned the cadet gray and marched that long gray line. Looking back, the last four years have flown by, while creeping by day to day at the same time. While I have had my share of struggles, frustrations, and doubts, I can honestly say I am glad I did this. I truly love the ideals that VMI embodies and what this place stands for. I want to thank God for the desire, perseverance, and strength to get to where I am now in life. To my parents, you will never know how much you mean to me and how much your support and love has helped me. Kurt, for sleeping a foot from me and always keeping me straight. Nigel, Duerr, and Parsons, for dealing with me and allowing me the privilege to deal with ya'll. To my friends: gentlemen, ya'll got me through this place. Know that whatever the time, I will drop whatever I am doing if you need something. Will, you are the one person who knows me the best here. I will forever cherish the early mornings dealing with the frustrations of it all or simply discussing life. To the gentlemen of the Honor Court, it has been a privilege to serve with you. Words cannot express what you mean to me nor what we go through. Always Keep the Faith and never, ever give up.

2002: Jackson Castleberry
2008: Kellan Travis, Charlie Major
ROTC: Air Force
Major: International Studies

Pamels D. Reeves
Newport News, Virginia

First I would like to give honor to God. It's been a long four years and I couldn't have made it without a wonderful and forgiving Savior. Mommy and Daddy,I want to thank you for always being behind me when I've needed you. I know it doesn't always seem like it but I appreciate everything that you have done and continue to do for me. I wouldn't be who I am or where I am without you. I love you two very much. Felicia: thanks for listening to all my sob stories. You're the best sister in the world. To my roomies: thanks for being there for me, through the hard times and the good times. You two are awesome. I wish you luck in your futures. Don't forget... "You're HOTTTT....obviously!!!!" Jay: thanks for being a great best friend and boyfriend.Stephanie: it was a privilege having you as my Rat this year. I hope that you learned something dyking with me. I wish you success and know that you are capable of it. To the RATS of 110...CONGRATULATIONS! You made it! It was a long and hard year for you guys and I'm proud of all of you. Watch out for each other and keep your heads up. To the Class of 2005: We made it!!!! Congratulations to everybody and I wish you all a happy future. "If God Brings You To It, He'll Bring You Through It."

2001: Steven Lee
2008: Stephanie Mills
Nicknames:Afro-Rat, McDonald Rat
ROTC: Army
Major: Civil Engineering

Jason A. Reinitz
Houston, Texas

It's the night before our First Class biographies are due and like so many other things cadets do, I waited until the last minute. I'm also carrying on the tradition of every cadet by complaining; "how can you write a memoir of your cadetship in 250 words?"
To my family and friends beyond Limits Gate, thank you for your love and support, not only during my four years at VMI, but also that which preceded VMI.
To the IS majors who I studied with for countless hours (yes, IS majors study no matter what the engineers say). There's nothing like cramming for a test in LTC Hentz's National Security class or LTC Basu's International Econ class, especially with 80's music in the background (Derek) making the mood a little less tense.
To all the roommates from room 306 in STP to Club 402 to the rooms in Ghetto to New Barracks, thanks for all the memories, good and bad. Whether we were pushing for the music I had during the Ratline, rushing to get ready for parades or inspections in 5 minutes, or watching DVD's on the weekends, great times were had.
Rats of room 147, remember to carry on the legacy of '05. Make us and yourselves proud.
To the Class of 2005, it's been a rough ride, we made it, congratulations and good luck.

2002: Jason Goldstein
2008: Peter Levrant, Artur Mkhitaryan
ROTC: Air Force
Major: International Studies

John D. Rerucha
Fredricksburg, Virginia

Rommates, friends, family, and rats, it's finally over. What a time it has been. It has gone by so slowly yet so fast, now I am on the threshhold of graduation; it is one of the best feelings in the world.
I hope that I left something behind from which my rats could learn from. It has been a good year, and I can only hope that you make the most out of your experience here.
Buds, we have made some great memories. I hope that we don't lose touch over the years, your friendship has meant a lot.
Take care all, and good luck!

ROTC: Army
Major: Buisness Economics

Robert V. Ricadela
Oak Ridge, New Jersey

"EARS, Open Sir, Heck no, EARS. Here Sir." That pretty much started it all. Like many others my time here has been very interesting, but not just in bad ways. Despite all the complaining a lot of fun was had at VMI over the years, as well as great friends that will last forever. Rat year has many memories such as Umpa Loompas, random yelling in the middle of the night, and other events in 403. Third class year was great, no one bothered me and I was happy. I tried the fencing thing, but it wasn't violent enough, so I switched to Rugby; that was much better. Second class year started off with my cell phone being taken the second night of school, and being boned for failure to keep in touch with VMI. I'm still trying to figure that one out too. Ring Figure: not much needs to be said there other than awesome, met BR's I didn't know existed, had fun. First Class year started off with room bingo, but ended up working out for the best. The workload has been the most difficult this year, but the new roomies have made it more fun than imaginable, with our insomnia sleeping habits, camping trips, GP Drunkenness (that I missed b/c of work), sternum rubs, and random Nerf hits. Rats, we had 7. They were great, just wish we could have made it a week without a special. One semester left; maybe.

Nickname: Ears
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: History

Timothy F. Rieman
Spring, Texas

I'd like to thank my parents, v
them I would not be writing th
today. Dad, you have been a g
role model in my life and I pr
to always make you proud. I r
that my mother will not see m
graduate and commission; the
would have been no prouder p
Kyle, Mark, Saul and Brandor
ya'll put up with me for your
entire cadetship but I'm happy
lucky that you did. We've shar
some fights and arguments but
nothing that couldn't be resolv
over a drink at the Palms. KB
best roommate ever! BFK for
life! Holiday: no doubt whate
you choose to that do it will be
exceptional. *VID* Mark, Irel
was a blast. Thanks for alway
being there to help me out; you
will be an outstanding officer.
since day one it's been me and
Newcome: you have always be
my best boy and my voice of r
You guys are the best!
To The Kid, Coleman, BR, Dr.
Death, Ian, the Stokes twins, L
Donnie, Lumberjack, Murph-D
Lawton and the rest of the best.
will miss you all. Whether upto
or watching a movie, we alway
fun and made memories.
I would like to thank my boys J
and Edgar, my girlfriend Krista
and my family, especially my si
Fran, for their continued suppo
Rats: best of luck. Remember:
the right thing, we are proud of

2002: Jason Lamendola
2008: Alex Menas
Nicknames: Primo, Remo
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: History

Erik J. Rohrmann
Ridgefield, Conneticut

it has been a crazy four years at nstitute. There have been plenty ugh times to go along with e good times. Some of which st cost me my cadetship, but out the danger where is the fun, ey say. I'll always remember razy times at Ol' Dudd's house, out that place I don't think I d have hacked it here the last years. The Ring Figure week- hat almost claimed my soul. best part of going to VMI had road tripping with the boys getting the heck away from . All the times at JMU with Big d the rock star parties at UVA the Wahoo Hunting Club and the train conductor. And also orps trips with the boys which sometimes a bit too much fun. that I've remembered all the d times I better get to the thank part of it because there are so y people I need to thank. First, n and Dad and the Family, you gave me all the support and to get through this place when ldn't see the light at the end of unnel. I love you all. Rats: be d and stay out of trouble. Now all oys and girls around here, the nies Ruch and Big T, all my lax hers, my first stoop girls, and the ting club; I couldn't have made out you guys. Live life like e's no tomorrow.

2: John Eddy
3: Matt Mittell, Chase Williams
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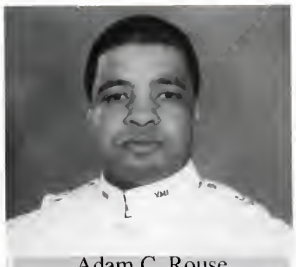
TC: Army
or: Psychology



Adam C. Rouse
Danbury, Conneticut

I don't think there is a single person who could deny the fact that it has been an interesting 4 years here at the I.

To those of you who didn't make it: Drive on, keep in mind that it's not the school that makes the man; it is the Man that makes that man great. Through personal resolve, fortitude, and strength of heart you can reach that goal you originally wished to attain when you signed that matriculation book, Glory.

To those who are going to make that grand exit in May: we made it this far and destiny is there to be met.

To those who still remain:
It doesn't get better. The administration and the cadets will never agree, you just learn how to beat the game. But remember there is a world outside of VMI and though it may not seem like it; The Confederacy surrendered in April of 1865.

To my rats: Don't worry, you will understand when the time comes. And to all my real pimps: 2 fingers in the air, Be Easy. (Roomies, Teammates, and the "cool")

2002: Joe Scarborough
2008: Peter J Borchelt
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Jeffrey J. Rummell
Reston, Virginia

First and foremost, I want to thank my mom and my dad for all the support you have given me here at VMI. You have always been there for me when I need anything and willing to drive numerous hours just to watch a two hour lacrosse game. I can only hope that I will be as good of a parent as you both have been for me. Thank you and I love you both. To the rest of my family- I want to thank you all for your words of encouragement. You have made it easier for me here, pushing me to do the best I possibly could. To my roommates- We all know that this place can bring you down and you guys somehow always made it fun to be here. I couldn't have asked for a better group of friends to have spent the last four years of my life with. Thanks guys. To my rats- make sure you are studying and getting those grades. Good luck with the next three lacrosse seasons and make sure that you graduate!

2002: Mike Dunn
2008: John Regan, Chris DarConte
Nicknames: Rumperdinkle
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Buisness Economics

John E. Sakaleros
Voula, Greece

First of all I have to thank my parents, whom I love and without whom I would not have had the strength to make it through this place. Thank you for supporting me and being in my corner all my life. Uncle John. It's an honor to be wearing the same ring as you. Four whole years at the I! All I know is that when I leave, I will always treasure having served with some of the most amazing guys I have ever met: Tony, roommates for three years, thanks for everything bro. Dan, some great times, and some really great stories to tell. Connor, more respect for you than anybody. Felix, the Mexican R-Kelly. Chris, "last Christmas…"you the man. Allen-Elena from Moscow is waiting for you in the usual place. Kirk Shore-the two finest cadets to ever go here. (and the two biggest busy-buddies) Joe-Birdcage impressions will never get old...Lev, thanks for tutoring everybody in IE. GVP, Wells, Frick, Terrence, Sully, Notorious, Streetman, Hakemon, Schreiber and all ,the boys in 118,123, 136, s-11, s-17, 171, 155. I will never forget you guys…I hope someday you can come visit me in Greece so I can show you what its about. My rats: Tim, Skoog, Josh and Shylock-we could not have asked for better rats: be smart, keep your heads down and don't let this place get to you; the end is just around the corner. Greece, here I come!

2002: Webb Moncure
2008: Tim Dwyer
Nicknames: Sak, Big Hairy Greek
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies

Phillip R. Sauls
Zebulon, North Carolina

What can I say that hasn't already been said before about the Institute? Difficult, maybe even a little ridiculous at times, well, most of the time. But, deep down inside that dark heart of every TAC officer I have hope that it is for the greater good. I can admit that before I came here, I was a punk. Yet, I can still say in my final days that I am still a punk, I have not lost that distinction which makes me, me. This place can do what few places can, through extremely unorthodox techniques; make a snot nosed high school punk into a man. Many people helped me along the way, though I would swear never to admit it. My parents, my fiancé, and of course my Brother Rats have given me more inspiration than anyone I have ever known. I also wouldn't trade being a ME for anything. The pain builds character. I thank the ARMY department for involving me in more training than some active soldiers for half the pay. Never thought I would see the country in such a short amount of time, but the government proved me wrong. To my rat I leave insomnia. May it bless you in ways you can only begin to understand. Do not fear failure as you go through you cadetship, only fear hesitation. The greatest plans become the greatest mistakes by a leader's lack of self confidence. And as I leave I part with this: Reflection time is fun, "because your Band", and hazing is amazing.

2002: Scott W Chalkley
2008: Evan B Roddenberry
Nickname: Pig Pen
ROTC: Army
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Stephen W. Sawyer
Hampton, Virginia

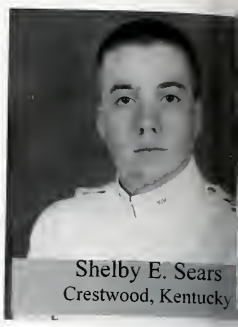
As I was sitting here watching Monday night football at home and drinking a beer, I remembered that I had to write this 1st class bio. So I thought to myself, why is VMI considered "The Road Less Traveled"? I quickly came to the conclusion that it is because it sucks…a lot, and nobody wants to wander down it. However, even though the past four years have been miserable to say the best, there has been one bright spot. Throughout these four years the friendships I made were incredible. Phil, Ryan and Chris, my three roommates, were probably some of the best friends I could ever have. Even though we constantly joked on each other, I would have trusted each one of them with my life. Beau, John, and Doug, we made it through physics…finally. I wish each of you the best of luck and am honored to have been able to work with you. Now to the rats, Dan, Evan, Pat and John. You guys were great rats, and I am glad that we picked you guys up. I hope you stay in touch and don't let VMI get to you. To my rat, Dan, stop getting so many specials and stop falling asleep and missing class. Now that all of that is out of the way, I guess it's off into the real world to see what exactly I have gotten out of this place.
Good Luck to Everyone.

2002: Phakdey Pen
2008: Daniel Boyd
Nicknames: Dilznick
ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology

Daniel O. Schreiber
Bell, Florida

VMI has been the most interesting four years of my life. My thirteen years in the circus haven't even come close to this odyssey. How am I to look back on a four year period, which at times felt like four weeks, and at others four decades? Well, first, in honor of my Uncle Dyke, I would like to thank certain members of the administration for showing me what not to be in a leader. Concerning the faculty of VMI, I would like to thank every one of you. You have taught me so much both inside and outside the classroom. To my roommates, Starfi and Big Guy, I don't know how I would have survived without you two. Jason, you have been an excellent mentor, understanding, full of compassion, and always ready for a deep conversation. Brandon, don't worry, I won't tell the Air Force about all the things you "tried for the first time" while in Spain. To you both, thank you for putting up with my "eccentricities." You two kept me sane. To the rats of 155, don't spazz and keep up with your classes. To my parents, I'm sorry for not calling more, and yes, I did get the package you sent. To Andrea, I love you. If you can put up with me over these past four years, then we were made for each other! My advice to the class of 2005…Noli Illegitimi Carborundum. The past four years have been swell, just swell.

2002: Warren Wessling
2008: Mark Parton, Joe Swearingen
Nicknames: SchreiberDo
ROTC: Air Force



Shelby E. Sears
Crestwood, Kentucky

"Brave Rifles! Veterans! You
been baptized in fire, and bloo
come out steel!"
-General Winfield Scott
VMI has been a baptism by fi
dealt to each of us, the Class c
2005, and we have been forge
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without my parents; Eunice an
the old Colonel who pressed w
they had to and supported whe
needed; words fail to express r
gratitude. The friends I have m
here are incredible and lifelong
God be with you as we travel i
futures uncertain. The temptati
great to criticize VMI but I do
have the necessary 100+ pages
would only hope that VMI wo
stay the course intended at the
foundation and continue to pro
the "whole" well rounded citiz
soldier. Semper Fidelis, and ma
God grant you all fair winds an
following seas.
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

2002: Dave Janeka/Scott Smith
2008; Marcus J. Carlstrom
Nickname: Corporal
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: History

Margret S. Serig
Vienna, Virginia

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but I'm kind of a big deal.
p *know* me. Uh, I'm very
oant. I have many leather-
n books and my barracks room
l of rich mahogany." Wait…
sunds stupid! Can I start over?
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k ny parents for their support
thout my cadetship. In
ion, I would like to thank my
r for illuminating the path
have basically followed all
life. I regret that the likeness
t choices had at times created
rsity between us; however, I
t imagine my life any different
the way that it has turned out.
rs for showing me the way!
owe a tremendous thanks to
andall and Col. Piegari of the
department. I have no idea how
ld have made it here without
pport and encouragement of
two great mentor/friends. I owe
ch of my success to them.
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ke for being such an awesome
odel, and my co-dyke for
a great person and constant
. I will forever remember the
ess of their friendship.
y Rat, Kady. I wish the best of
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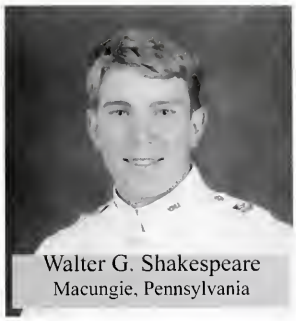
d finally, You Stay Classy,

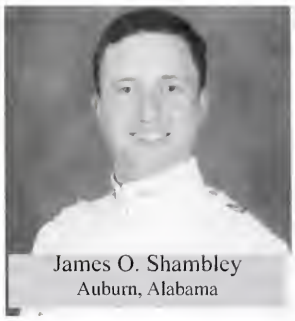
: Heidi Mason
: Kady Rohan
C: Air Force
r: Mathematics



Walter G. Shakespeare
Macungie, Pennsylvania

Well, it wasn't a "traditional college experience," whatever that is, but it was my college experience. Who knows whether or not such a traditional experience would have been as great as I have imagined it for the past four years. Trying to explain my feelings about this time period would be futile so I will sum it up in a few words: timeless effort with uncertain returns. Hopefully we have earned the right to enjoy the benefits of such a difficult journey. Mom, Dad, and the rest of the family, thanks for putting up with me, financially and otherwise. I am forever in your debt. I am so grateful I got to spend most of my cadetship with the soccer team, even though it was the most frustrating enterprise I have undertaken to date. Logan, Austin, John, Kyle, Lance, Lawton, Nate, Kinger, and Rory you will always have a friend in PA. Clarky and Kinger, you are truly two of my closest friends and I thank you especially. Tim, Jay, Willy, Chris, Mark and the rest of the people that helped me out, thanks. Nate, Willy, Andy, Kinger, and Lawton it has been a great time having no personal living space with you and I wouldn't trade it for anything. Garrett and the rest of the guys, keep fighting the good fight. It will all be over soon.

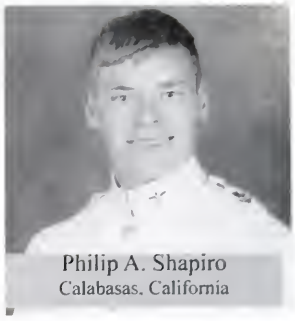
2002: John Trant
2008: Garrett Smith
Nicknames: Shakes, Gregger
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Biology



James O. Shambley
Auburn, Alabama

Time has flown. It seems as only yesterday that I matriculated at VMI and now my First Class year is coming to an end. The years have had many fond memories. In high school, I knew that I wanted to attend VMI dearly, but I never imagined that it would have so many positive impacts on my life. I have learned how little one actually needs to live, the importance of true friendships, the value of physical fitness, and the fact that I can always depend on Christ alone. From Ring Figure, to sniffing for Twinkies, from the OCF Retreats, to confinement, VMI has molded me through good and bad. During the Ratline I was able to rationalize the daily rigors of VMI, however since then; VMI has become much more difficult to rationalize. This lesson is better learned now, under the guidance of Mother "I," than solely in the world full of responsibility. Frustrations abound in life but with Christ as the focus, the optimism and joy of life always prevail. I have learned to "trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understandings, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6). As for now, I wish all of us the best of luck as we move on into our lives: that we will come back together many times; and that, whether it be athletic, military, or social, God will bless our team and VMI.

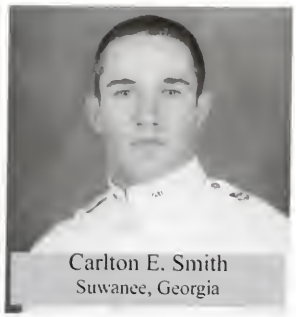
2002: Cory Lindsey
2008: Andy Czaplicki
Nicknames: Shamdog,
ROTC: Navy
Major: Civil Engineering



Philip A. Shapiro
Calabasas, California

It is hard to believe my VMI experience is coming to an end. My relatives always marvel about how quickly the time has gone, but they haven't spent four years in barracks. To my roomies, I have had a great time sharing a cell with you. Ken, Rugby weekends were lots of fun. I'm sorry Erin didn't get you to go out with her in your inebriated state, and sorry that Tiff and I woke you up before Mary Wash that one time. Seriously, you are an awesome guy and a hard worker, have fun being a financial advisor someday. Jon, you etched a permanent place for yourself in VMI history as Prible J… I mean the barracks computer guy. I hope you get to do something with your creativity that has been stifled at VMI. Parker, you will always be the "Dancing Queen." Hoorah! Have fun blowing stuff up with the USMC. I'll be watching over you ground-pounders with my BUFF. To Brad, my rat, keep your head above water. Academics first, and let me strongly advise you against rank. Being a private is a dyke-line tradition and if you took rank, my dyke would roll over in his grave, except that he is still alive. Thanks to everyone who has been there to support me along the way. Mom, Dad, Tiff, and Jenny, without you guys there to pick me up when I needed you the most, I never would have made it through this place.

2001: Adam Belmont
2008: Brad Williams
ROTC: Air Force
Major: History



Carlton E. Smith
Suwanee, Georgia

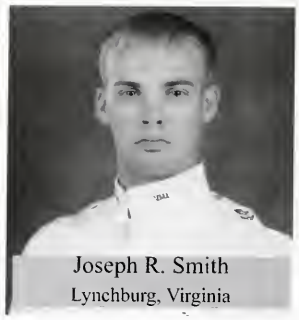
There have been some interesting events and people that have made my cadetship enjoyable and miserable at others times. My roommates, teammates, and friends are what made coming back here every august bearable. There is no tangible object in this world that I would trade for the people I have sweat, bled, and fought here. When it comes time to throw down I know for a fact that I want my VMI boys in my corner. Allen and Franck we have held it down for the ATL and Adam you had to be the unfortunate Yankee in the mix: however, we have slowly converted you to our "stupid redneck" ways. Smit let me know when its time to knuckle up, Maury we will always be sideline superstars, and Schlep let me know when you finally decide what you are gonna do with your life. The one thing that I can take away from this place is that I not only learned how to play the game but I learned how to win. These walls will crumble but no one can take my "VMI experience" away from me. "Future fifth yearman for life."

2002: Ty Summers
2008: Andy Viola
ROTC: Army
Major: Biology

Jefferson D. Smith
Mechanicsville, Virginia

It seems like it was yesterday that I was reading my Dyke's first class bio, and after four (long/short) years it is time for me to write mine. I would like to start off by thanking my parents for their never-ending support. Every time I complained about how unfair I thought this place was, you were always there to help me get through it, and realize I probably deserved it. I consider myself very lucky and could not have made it without you. My sister, you always gave me something to look forward to when I came home, a night out in the fan!!! To Maggie, you have always been there for me, even through my infamous third class year. We are closer now than we have ever been, and it just keeps getting better. Doogie, Fitz, and Nate we had a hell of a ride. I know each of you will be successful at whatever you choose to do. Duke, we close another chapter, I don't think two childhood friends could go through more than we have. Beat it geek!!!! Wett, thanks for letting us crash at "The Pit," always a blast! Jimmer, Will, and Tom it was great our paths crossed again after Saint Chris days. Wells, you reel in more girls than anyone I know, they just love the fact you're from Alabama. To John my rat, it gets better man, I hope I have led you in the right direction. I'm Doneski!!!

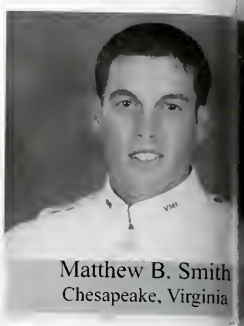
2002: Travis Guidt
2008: John Lingamfelter
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies



Joseph R. Smith
Lynchburg, Virginia

Our four years here have come and gone all too quickly. Well for some of us there will be another year therefore it hasn't come and gone quick enough. It seems like just yesterday we were signing our lives away in a book that came with so many hidden lessons and memories that we had no idea how it would shape us into the men we are today. Even though we have all wondered why we came here so many times, I believe as our time is closing here the answer(s) to that question is becoming a little clearer. Justin (424)… Jim, Ty, Bill (370)…Shannon, Zack, Brian (218)… Brett, Laird, Zane (132), and of course all you other guys that I didn't have the privilege to room with; you all have been great roommates and friends that will never be forgotten. Who can forget some of the crazy memories that have formed our friendships? All in all, this place has taught us many life lessons, if we want to admit it or not. Hopefully, we will all be able to use the skills that we have acquired to play the system and be successful outside of VMI. So why did we come here? Maybe for the degree, maybe for the military, but more than likely we all came here for the friendships that we have all made and will leave with. Thank you guys and **congratulations class of 2005!**

2002: Berton Austin
2008: John Crowder
ROTC: Army
Major: History



Matthew B. Smith
Chesapeake, Virginia

Thank you baseball team, I ca
say that enough, so I'll say it
thank you baseball team. The
games, the trips, and the peop
the team, you were what help
make my VMI memorable. I l
estly repsect each and everyo
you, I will miss playing with
all. I hope that you all continu
have success in the future.
Good luck to you too roomate
you've been awesome.

ROTC: Air Force
Major: Business Economics

Margret A. Smith
Pleasanton, California

:other's only advice to me
ı VMI was, "I know you could
ırl just don't know if you'll be
ɔr there." More than three years
ı still can't answer that last part.
ırd to distinguish what I've
rd and how I've grown because
VII, in spite of it, or just as part
ting older… Emily, it's a good
ı they threw us together rat year
ase my experience would have
ridiculously harder and more
ıg without you. I'll always be
best friend. Pam, I couldn't
or a better roommate. I'm glad
ıd each other to commiserate
Amber, you are so great. How
nyone not love you? Trish and
, you're both strong women
new what you were getting into
VMI, so take from my example
you will; I hope you were as
y to have me as your dyke as
to have you as my rats. John,
re my best friend. I can't say
ıing here that I haven't told you
ıdred times already. You're the
Mom and Dad, I love you both
y parents and for the amazing
le you are. I can't even begin
ınk you for everything. James,
en wish I were more like you;
seem to have things figured out
vhen you don't you still make
est of it… To everyone else that
ngs in here: you know who you
nd the good times we've had.
et's graduate already.

: Scott Chalkley
: Trish Coughlin, Katie Bopp
ıames: Maggie
C: Army
r: English

Daniel Spanu
Falls Church, Virginia

To me, The Institute was a big disappointment and I can only hope that its post-graduation benefits will outweigh the let-down. VMI doesn't really have a purpose and uses vague terms such as integrity and citizen-soldier to attempt to make some sense of it all. However, all this place boils down to is an institution that creates and facilitates a network of men that overcame a common hurdle.
To the 15 or so people that I don't dislike at VMI, thanks for making four unpleasant years go as fast as they possibly could. To my two Greek roommates, Tony and John, if you two didn't go here, I would have left VMI a long time ago. Thanks for being the two greatest guys I have met in my short life thus far. To the rats of 124, you guys were the best rats I could have ever hoped for. Sorry for the beatings, and don't lose your sense of humor or it'll be a long four years. To my parents, thanks for everything, I hope I make you proud some day.

Nicknames: Spandex, Spanky, Dirty D,
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: History

Jefferey A. Sparks
Fredricksburg, Virginia

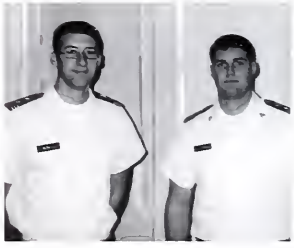
So, here it is, 1:00 in the morning and I have to get up at 6:30 in the morning, or I'll miss BRC. That statement right there pretty much sums up the past four years of my life. Except, replace the 1:00 with a 2:00, a 3:00, or a 4:00, and it might be more fitting. I guess I only have myself to blame. I chose to be an Engineering major and I chose to take part in as many extracurricular activities as possible. And if I don't get A's in every one of my classes. I'll have an aneurysm. And all that is good, except the lack of sleep begins to wear on you after a while. Matt Thompson used to always tell me "you'll sleep when you're dead." Yes, that's true, but I would also like to sleep when I'm alive, at least some of the time. In the end, that lack of sleep is going to pay off though, and I'll be glad that I was able to endure it. And, I wouldn't trade all of my sleep from the past four years to be able to hold onto the friends I've made here. I've never had friends like you guys and probably never will. So, one piece of advice I want to give to you Dustin is that no matter how much this place gets to you, you have to look at the big picture. It will all work out.

2002: Daniel Runion
2008: Dustin McCaib
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Civil Engineering

Brett B. St. Peter
Cedar Bluff, Virginia

I never thought these four years would pass by as quickly as they have. I am thankful for the memories and the friendships that I have made in this short period of my life. I want to thank all my friends for making my time here fun and unforgettable and I would also like to thank those of you who have become more than just a friend and have helped me out in more ways than you can imagine: you know who you are. I would also like to thank my father, without your guidance I don't know where I'd be, and my mother, who I know is always watching over me and is always in my heart no matter where I go; ASNF, Chase, Isaac, and Jake, the sky's the limit, keep up the good work. John, Jake, Tim, and Deven, don't lose track of your goals and keep in touch. In closing I'd like to say congratulations, and best wishes to the class of 2005.

2002: Jake Ratchford
2008: John Croweder, Tim Green
ROTC: Air Fore
Major: Civil Engineering



Gregory L. Staat
Hinsdale, Illinois

Since matriculation I have seen how not to go about accomplishing a task, how not to deal with people, and how not to blindly follow. My strength and confidence, drawn on daily, have been unflaggingly derived from a solid foundation forged by my family, friends, and sense of integrity and humor. As I have physically transformed, I have also change intellectually and emotionally; learning to extract excitement from fear, resolve from disappointment, laughter from pain and something from nothingness. To the Rats: find the humor in your daily trials and imbue your strength in each other because it is this support that will get you through. In the end, it is not about some stupid piece of paper or a handshake from a guy with only a vague idea of what you have gone through, it is about the bonds that have been formed and the lessons, from here, that will become applicable and require your implementation in future tribulations. Remember that you are here, as I was, to triumph where others have failed, to prove yourself to yourself. To my beloved family of F-Troopers, I wish you all the best and if you ever need a safe house or a beer pong table to sleep on, my lawn shed's door lock is broken so make yourself at home.

2002: Jake, The Angry Goat, Copty
2008: Chris Haviley, Evan Lyne
Nickname: The Commodore
ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology

Jamaal W. Stafford
Chesapeake, Virginia

My time at VMI has been filled with ups and downs, joy and pain, and everything in between. During my four years at the Institute, I have always wondered what the true "college experience" would be like. What would it be like not to go to class or wake-up whenever I felt like, and have a weekend that would be truly mine? Well, not long from now I might actually get the chance to have that experience (Parole starts on May 16th!). Anyways, there has always been something that has made me come back from the Furloughs or hang in there when it got tough. I have to thank my Brother Rats and all of my roommates: Chris, Alex and Ross. The two people that have helped me endure the most have been my grandma and grandpa. If it wasn't for them giving up their time and energy to get me to where I needed to be, I wouldn't have had a chance of doing the things I have today- Thank you! Also, I have to thank my Aunt Liz, Aunt Pat, Uncle Scott and everyone else who gave me a hand along the way or gave me a kick in the behind when I was getting off track. Pam, what can I say! We've been through a lot together and I can't wait to see what the future holds. Herbert and Ashley: I've had a blast! You two keep your heads up and noses clean (4 years flies by)! Mom, Tanisha, and Taneka (Thanks for keeping an eye out). We made it!

2002: Ryan Lapsley
2008: Herbert Johnson, Ashley Pancham
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Business Economics

Samuel J. Stephens
Salem, Virginia

I was walking across the parade deck my 3rd class year when I stopped and looked at barracks against the backdrop of the night sky. At that moment it dawned on me that VMI is a truly unique place. After 4 years, we become spectators of VMI, no longer the participants we once were. We watch others fill our shoes, make similar mistakes, and march parades. That night I realized I had to give VMI all that I had, for it had given me so much. To the OGA, it was an honor working with you. To all my friends, you made this experience worthwhile. My roommates: Ben, Lev, and Paul, I am thankful we roomed together for 3 years. We made a lot of great memories together here. I know you all will do great things. Room 101 Rats, work hard, and be faithful to VMI…this place is greater than you can imagine. Travis, strive to do what is right, keep your faith even when being dedicated seems inopportune. He will never let you down. Frank, thank you for setting a fine example, it has guided me through VMI. Matt, my brother/grand-dyke, you have been the cornerstone of my cadetship. Mom and Dad, you have always inspired me to be in the arena. I was always thankful of your devotion and love to me, even when I did not say so. Katharine, we've got a good thing going. I hope that when I come back for the big reunions you are by my side.

2002: Frank Deerr
2008: Travis Light
Nicknames: Samwise, Sammy J
ROTC: Air Force
Major: English

Jessica H. Stewa
Franklin, North Caroli

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but in the larger scheme of t
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supported me all these years
the greatest support in my li
mom, and to my dad, stepfa
and brother, who put up wit
whining, then sent me poun
junk food to make me feel b
I hope I have made you all p
To Traci, thanks for making
the cadet that I became and
me the motivation to succee
Kat and Gab, who stood by
through everything, took me
Palms on those really bad da
deflated my ego when it got
little too big. Without you g
probably wouldn't have mad
all. To my friends, thanks fo
fun times, the Saturday night
parties, and the room wars. T
girls on the soccer team, han
there, its almost over! Remer
go all the way to the top in
everything you do, and no ap
juice before practice. Be wh
are, always stand your groun
never be intimidated! To my
and my ring rat, I owe you b
much more than I could ever
Thank you. To Cipps and Jes
guys are the greatest. You ha
made me so proud and I cont
to expect great things from y
the "I"…it's been memorable

2002: Traci Schultz
2005: Erin Cipperly, Jessica Rheinlander
ROTC: Air Force
Major: History

Charles K. Stokes
Fredricksburg, Virginia

e's to you VMI, because you everything you said you would t was never easy. Mom and , without you the last four years ld never have been possible. education at VMI is priceless. ld not have received a greater We have all persevered. I love both. To my Brother Shore, best friend and Brother Rat I d ever have. We did it together our way. I have no regrets. To e, Greg, and the rest of the 103 105 Rats, I am proud of you all. e every opportunity to give back is place. We all have a stake is experience and the torch is yours. Protect it, embrace it, run with it. They believe you e what it takes to be a leader integrity, honor, and a sense of . Make sure that VMI gets what thought they were getting when accepted you. But remember, rything that you do must be for r love of this school because will never be thanked for your less service. Stay strong! Thanks ll of the faculty and staff who put nile on my face. You went above beyond what you had to. To of my Brother Rats, gentlemen, have suffered together and mphed as one. I can never thank enough. Together we have made fference. I love you all! To the ss of 2005, here's to four years making a difference and a future d with brotherhood.

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Shore A. Stokes
Fredricksburg, Virginia

Going to VMI has been one of the best decisions of my life. I have spent the last 4 years dedicated to a place where words like honor, character, and integrity are embraced and practiced daily. Nowhere else will I find people who strive to achieve these qualities and believe so passionately about a place that they're willing to fight for it. I have walked in specials, marched PTs, been confined to barracks and counseled for my actions; yet I have no regrets. If I have learned anything as a cadet, it is that the qualities gained at the Institute are becoming more difficult to find and the world needs us more than ever. To my friends, the guys, the Gentlemen-you have made this place bearable. You always listened, made me laugh, and kept on fighting no matter what. Never again will I be a part of something so powerful and meaningful as the bond that we have developed over the last 4years. Kirk, what can I say? We did it our way, fought the good fight, and won. Josh, Jesse and the rest of the 105 Rats-your VMI experience is what you make of it. Keep the faith, and good luck, to the class of 2005. In the grand scheme of things, no matter what, VMI remains a formula for success and as we venture into the world and begin our careers remember we are second to none.

2002: Reuben Trant
2008: Josh Hanna, Jesse Burnette
Nicknames: Angry Stokes?
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Maury A. Stone
Chesapeake, Virginia

My mother and father did a wonderful job of raising three boys. If it were not for their love, persistence, integrity, and Christian morals, I would not be standing where I am today. They have been a big part of my life and continue to influence it. I have had good times here at VMI, along with difficult ones. I have learned to take the good with the bad and trust in the Lord with all decisions in my life. I thank my roommates for being there for me when I needed them. You have been great roommates, and I look forward to keeping in touch. You're life-long friends. Paul Bryan, thanks for all the advice, conversations, weekend trips, and letting me have the opportunity of working with you on the S-5 staff. I value your friendship. To my brother, Steven, it has been wonderful having you here and being able to continue having a close relationship with you. You are going to do great things with that outgoing personality and those entrepreneurial skills of yours. I love you, bro. To my Rat, Jimmy, continue to see the light at the end of the tunnel, work hard, and use the tools that I have tried to instill in you to succeed here at the Institute. You'll be fine, of that I am sure. To everyone that has played a role and been a friend, I thank you. I leave with you my favorite Bible scripture…"I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13.

2002: Jonathon tibbs
2008: Jimmy duke
Nicknames: Stoney, Drew
ROTC: Army
Major: chemistry

John F. Streetman
Plainville, Georgia

It's been a hard road, and I never could've made it on my own. The friends I've made here are priceless…I'll never forget you. I can't believe we're finally done. Thanks to my family for all your help and support…I never would've made it without you. As for my Rats…I don't think I could've asked for more. To my Rat Richard, I leave my tact...you'll need it. This place has made me a better person. I hate this place with a passion and can't wait to leave, but maybe that's what it takes to do what's done here. If so, hopefully cadets will always hate VMI and alumni will always love it for what you have when you leave and not what you have while you're here.

2002: Ryan Davis
2008: Richard Warner
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Civil Engineering

Brandon K. Strickland
Portsmouth, Virginia

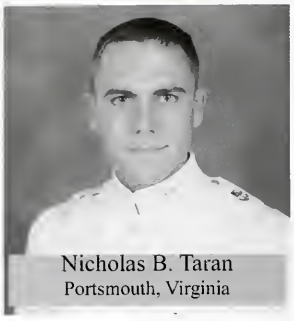
Well I guess all I have to say is I came to VMI because I loved my granddad and if he was still alive I know this would have been the only choice for me. The reason I stayed was because of my friends Johnny Ruchmungus Rerucha, Tom Lee (Moomaaaa), Big T Mercer, Colossal Corrado, Downtown Drown, Jolly Jeff Sparks, Insaney Haney, Looney Laird, Hollywood Hak or Hak attack, Johnny Machhi, Yu-fan (need I say more), Easy E, Thom dong, My Fauquier and Culpepper boyz, Shan shan, Petty, Clint, Eric, Jamaal (and those sweet soccer chicks). I have to thank my co-Dykes Trey, kyle, Magalicious, gabby, Phil, Joe and the Ghost CB. We had a great time with our Dykes and realized it was possible to make it and to make it as better people than when we came in. I love Cold Steel and all the crazy ratline stories that no one wants to hear but everyone wants to tell. Here's to Crabefests, prefests, get togethers, Bananzas, and City Subs. So here I am. I love VMI and I hate this "school." I got Ry rat in a load of trouble but hey....The great ones live on the edge, the rest simply exist where it's safe. A lot of people will remember me and I thank you all. I tried to add a smile wherever I could and if I did then it was worth every drop of sweat, broken bone, and every tear.

ROTC: Navy
Major: History

Joshua C. Sullivan
Roanoke, Virginia

I dedicate my cadetship to the most enthusiastic person about VMI in my life, William A. Strickland, my grandpa. He would have wanted me to come here. My memories of him this last year have spurred me on.
I owe every bit of success I have experienced to the support and prayers of my family. My grandmothers have taught me about love. Mom and Dad, you have taught me dedication, perseverance, and so much more. Zac, you are my comfort in the future. Jinna, you are my little sister.
I cannot compete with Dan's eccentric ways nor Jason's extreme bluntness, so I fall somewhere in the middle as the mediator, which I hope I was. To my roommates, you two made times here bearable. We even got along sometimes.
I wish (and pray) for the best in every aspect of your lives.
WOOO!!!!
"All great things are simple."
-Sir Winston Churchill

2002: Chris Sullivan
2008: Dave and Andy Sullivan
Nicknames: Sully
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Business Economics



Nicholas B. Taran
Portsmouth, Virginia

Believe it or not, 4 years later I am still glad I decided to make VMI my second home.
I have to thank a few people for helping me through this strife called the Institute, primarily my Mom, Dad, and my sister, Katie. As I look back, the memories are what I cherish the most. To my roommates: Andrew, John, Jon, and Gerrid ; I couldn't have asked for better friends. My Dykes Richie, Joey, and JM (who taught me how to get the most out of VMI with the least effort). A special thanks goes to my Uncle Gleb (VMI'79), for pressing VMI to me and helping me make the best decision of my life. And a special thanks to General Peay for believing in me and going to bat for me and enabling me to obtain a commission as a Field Artillery officer in the most just and powerful force the earth has ever seen, the United States Army Hooah!!! Most importantly I must thank my Lord and Savoir Jesus Christ for thru Him and his Father all things are indeed possible. VMI taught me many things, but most importantly responsibility, and the need for Southern Gentlemen in today's troubled world. My words of dykely advice to the Rats and especially my Rat, Frank: Always keep the faith, don't get caught, and with privileges come responsibilities.

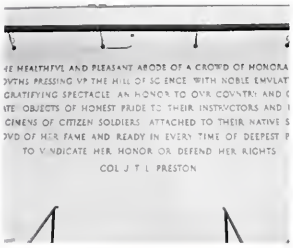
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Aaron T. Thatche
Midlothian, Virginia

In the long, hard, and everla odyssey to get through VMI. the strong now stand. We ha forged out of fire and hardsh friends who are graduating v and those friends that have a graduated have made this pla it is and what it always will l my mind and in my heart. Th Rod, Ross, Christian, the Wi Erik, Large Eye, Bowman, S Delta Co., and everyone else has reinforced the ethics and my family has engendered w me: hard work ethic, honesty integrity, loyalty, honor, duty sacrifice for something great than oneself. The constant su from my mom, dad, g'ma an Adam, and the Thatcher clan. enabled me to believe in mys and accomplish great things. the faculty, I thank you very and without the opportunity t from your wisdom and exper there would be no point in an this. Knowledge is the key to and without knowledge peopl be nothing and revert themsel to the outer fringe of society wallow in their own ignoranc

NCAA Lacrosse 4; Delta Co. 3; Delta Ops 2; 1 BN S-1 Lt Challenge 1; Timmins Gentry 1; Sigma Delta Pi; Model Ar League 1

2002: Marc Weber
2008: JT Tishman, Alex Smit
Nicknames: Nicky D, Slovak
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies



Andrew M. Thom
Grafton, Virginia

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est times of my life have been
d, and beat, during my time here.
I hate to say it, but I'll miss the
e. Not the formations, parades, or
lass, but the people. My Brother
are some of the best people
ver know. To Mom and Dad:
nks for always supporting me
pushing me to do my best. I've
blessed with amazing parents,
I fully realize the importance
our impact on me. I'm, without
ubt, who I am today because
ou. To my roomies, Nicholas,
rid, Jon, and John: You all have
ed me negotiate the 'I' and
orted me all the way. Coming
to the room after classes,
, formations, and any type of
tary duty they could throw at
as always a highpoint in every
You helped me keep the world
erspective and made me laugh
during the hardest of times.
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mates; it's been a privilege.
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values, do what's right, and the
will fall into place. And so as
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es, I'm left with a strong sense
ride. "A man is never more a
when he embraces an adventure
nd his control."

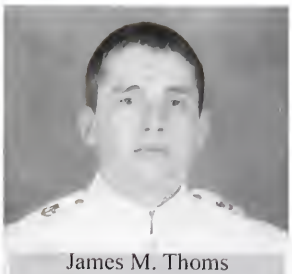
: Chris Brander
: Cole Breeden
names: An-DRAAGH, The Sir
C: Navy
or: International Studies

John B. Thompson
Elgin, South Carolina

How can one describe "the wedge" effectively? JB was always one of those cadets who knew everyone from Rats to upperclassmen. You could be walking down the stoop and fifty people would call JB by name as he passed. In a word JB was social and while most people liked him, everyone knew him. JB was also notorious for his generosity. In typical S-4 form, you could always count on him to get back your confiscated hotpot; loan you an extra hay for your friend who was sneaking into barracks and needed a place to sleep; or a little "inspiration" to liven up those boring Friday nights and make the same DVDs you'd been watching for months seem all the more entertaining.

You could also say that he was something of barracks Central Intelligence. Not only did he know everyone, he knew everything that happened in barracks. If something major went down in barracks (and by "major" I mean completely trivial—to the outside world anyway), he knew about it within a few minutes. It was like clockwork and he lived up to the title in every way imaginable. Whether he was helping his two favorite Rats on some elaborate covert op or just sneaking into barracks after taps, JB will always be fondly remembered for his unique personality and healthy nonchalance where certain rules were concerned.

2002: Alex Haseley
2008: Cory Houck, Will Carter
Nicknames: JEB, Jay-Beezzzzzzzz,
ROTC: Army
Major: History



James M. Thoms
Newport News, Virginia

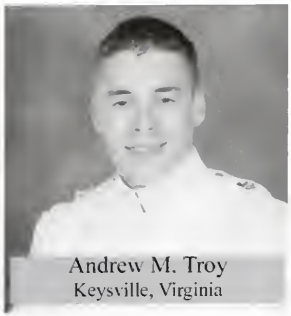
First of all I would like to thank my parents, Theresa and Jay, who have always supported me in every decision I have made and have been there every step of the way. I can never thank you enough for all that you have done. To Dick, Duke, CB, Hank, Babes and Willie P, and all of old Baseco you guys have been my family the last four years and I will never forget all the great times, and memories no one could ever take from us. Baseco has been one of the closest groups I have ever been a part of and we made the best of this place. To Bone, Erbs, and Smit… you guys have been my backbone. I don't know what I would have done without you guys to get me through the last three years. We always had a laugh, a late night talk or a night of Halo to get us through the weeks. You guys are my brothers and I could have never asked for better roommates. To everyone else in our crew, not many people could say they enjoyed time at a military school… but I know with great friends, this place was a lot easier. To our Rats: know that if we made it through 4 years so can you. To the rest of Baseco I will truly miss you guys. "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

2002: John Sloan, Jerry Whitlock
2008: Travis Mulkey
Nicknames: JT, Ground Control
ROTC: Army
Major: Business Economics

Michael P. Tittermary
Richmond, Virginia

VMI accepted me four years ago as a high school student with little direction and a lack of understanding for my true capabilities. Now it's four years later and I know I made the right decision because VMI has given me determination and shown me that nothing is impossible. My four years at the "I" have been bittersweet, but looking back I wouldn't change a thing. However, I am counting down the days until graduation. The VMI experience is one that few have endured, and even fewer of us understand. I am honored to have shared it all with you. To my family, parents, and friends - I would have never made it without your love and support. Michael, Devon, and the rest of the 103 rats - never give up and take away as much as you can from this place. To the OGA - it was a privilege to serve with you all. And lastly, to my Brother Rats, CLAP! CLAP!

2002: Shane Wilhelm
2008: Devon Duval, Mike Karlson
Nickname: Tits
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Business Economics



Andrew M. Troy
Keysville, Virginia

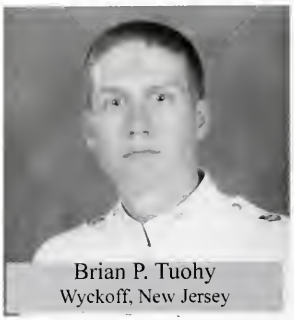
Well where do I start it's been a long four years. There have definitely been a lot of bad times but I've definitely had some great ones. I can honestly say I've met my best friends at this dump we call home. From getting drunk uptown with the guys to one great weekend at Ben's lake house, and the LexingTEN it's been a blast. To Brad and Chris we've been together since day one…never forget the pact boys. I wasn't sure if this is the place I wanted to spend my "college years" and I'm so glad I made that choice no matter how many times I've regretted it when I was on confinement or laid up sick in this crap hole. I wouldn't have traded the times I've had or the buddies I've met. Well that's about it. Rats keep your head up it will go by faster than you know.

2002: Whitt Hall
2008: Dustin Flynn
Nicknames: Troy, T-Money, A.T.
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Yang-Hsi Tsai
Taipei, Taiwan

Thank you Virginia Military Institute, I am 3 years older because of you. Thank you Class 2005, for we have a REAL class. Thank you Dr. Wade Bell, for all the teaching and advice. Thank you Dr. James Turner, for being a great research mentor and teacher. Thank you Dr. Tom Baur for your "Baur-Power" demonstrations in the class. Thank you room 437, 266 and 147. You provide me shelter and demerits. Thank you my beloved Xiao-Yu for accompanying me for the past three years without much complainsing for loving me unconditionally; for all the great time we have had in UK; for the present that we both sharing; for what I am looking forward to in our future. Thank you my Tsai Ching-Lu and Tsai Liu Feng-Yi, for being my parents and giving me life; for all those 24 years of continuous and unconditional sacrifice; for the numerous chances that you gave me in my life; for all the love that you showered on me; for without you, I would not become a man today. I LOVE YOU DAD AND MUM!

2002: Renard Phillips
2008: Stanley Cheng
ROTC: Army
Major: Biology



Brian P. Tuohy
Wyckoff, New Jersey

My years here at VMI are coming to a close and I'm preparing to move on with the rest of my life. As exciting as it is and as much as I'm looking forward to it I'm sure I'll always take a piece of VMI with me wherever I go. Whether it's the friends I've made, the experiences I've had or the life lessons I've learned I'm sure they will contribute to a more fulfilling life.
Mostly it was the people who made the biggest difference in my time at VMI. My Rat roommates Aaron Gleaton, Adam Rouse, Peter Dreisbach and James Shambley all had different personalities that resulted in a very unique and entertaining first year. Then there are my upper-class roommates David Carroll, Ryan Clemens, Matt Dussia and Ron Volpicella. David is perhaps the best shirtless air guitarist I've ever met. Ryan's sarcasm and humor was always brought color to an otherwise dull daily life. Matt's bright smile and cheerful attitude was enough for him and me, even if he did need to get some sleep for a big day. Ron's easy going attitude, openness and light sense of humor was a welcome outlet for me whenever I needed to be cheered up or someone to talk with.
I can only hope that in years to come the bonds I've made stay as strong as they are today, and I will be able to say I know them as well for many reunions and years to come.

2002: Bryan Starcher
2008: Phillip Jones
Nickname: Tiger Sauce
ROTC: Army
Major: International Studies

Jonathon K. Vaugh
Charlottesville, Virgini

So much has happened in fou years, there just isn't enouch to go over it all. I do want to all my friends at VMI, define some of the best guys I will e meet. It's been an interesting Rats your road is only beginn do the best that you can and r look back.
Congratulations everyone! ~

ROTC: Army
Major: Mechanical Engineerin

Gregory L. VanPelt
Richmond, Virginia

e to VMI because it was the lace to be from that I could to. The trick now is to make hat I can "be from" this place. thing the you will probably hear a cadet say (or write, s case) is that my main regret my cadetship is missing our ass year. I feel bad that I 5 to eat crap without me. I ed doing "shout-outs" and ed against them, but I can at if it wasn't for my friends amily, there is no way at all I l have stuck it out. If there's ing that can be said about er I that has always served true is that VMI is a strange . I will still be here next fall, orrible to think about, but usly needs to be done. Well, re's anything that I left out of bio' I will have another chance year. Good luck 2005, I hope ou all do great whatever it u end up doing. Oh, and if e has time... stop by next year ve'll go have a beer.

: Brad Allen, Matt Black
: Bobby Hawley
name: VanJew
C: Army
r: Psychology

Nicholas D. Viar
Lynchburg, Virginia

I guess this is the part where you're supposed to pour your heart out about how much you love this place and how much you're going to miss it. Not me. I'm definitely going to miss all the good times with the guys. Gorski who could forget the high five incident and all the other crazy weekends we spent doing what we do best. Shannon and Zach you crazy guys have been great friends and kept me sane when no one else could. I'll never forget that. Runt, you're one of the main reasons I haven't been kicked out of this place. Thanks for everything bud. To the rest of you guys: Amaral, Troy, Sully, Downs, Eazy, Melton, Jimmer, Big Jay Morgan, Foran, DeMarco, and anyone else I forgot, good luck to you guys in the future. Ya'll ever need anything, and I mean anything just call. To my parents, thank you for everything. There is no way I would have made it through here without you. Rats, remember what we taught you stay focused and you'll make it. Matt I'll be back in three years to pin your bars on, and they better not be on some Air Force uniform. Col., Major, thank God they didn't kick us out. It's finally over. I'll see ya'll when I see you. Peace.

2002: James Howard
2008: Matt Walker
Nicknames: Frank the Tank, Bear
ROTC: Army
Major: History

Ronald E. Vopicella
Forest, Virginia

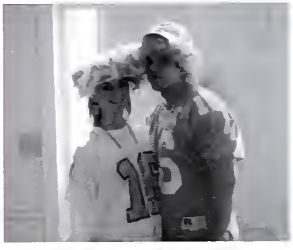
My four years of VMI have not been easy. I can't believe it's almost over. I've had my nose in the books for the past 3 years, rarely out except to joke around with my friends and take an occasional weekend. BR's and friends are what make this place go 'round, and it's been a privilege to know some of the guys here. I'm sure some people I've barely met here will go on to make it big, hopefully I do, but we'll see. I'd like to say thanks to everyone that helped me my First Class year, truly a time where I needed some friends. Thanks to my roommates, David Carroll and Brian Tuohy, great guys that were always there to make me laugh when I was mad at the world. Thanks to the rats too. I had fun with you guys this year. Thanks to my BR's, Jason, Scott, too many to name, I'll see you guys sometime, not sure when. First Class ME's, it's been rough, but we did it. I definitely feel like I know you well, we're brothers in arms and we're sure to cross paths sometimes in the future. Thanks for the help received. To my close BR's and not so close BR's, we did it, its over, its done, congratulations. To everyone else, 2nd class friends, 3rd class friends, keep pushing it, this place will be over before you know it, and it will be sweet indeed.

2002:Brendan Fitzpatrick
2008: Eric Esparolini
Nicknames: V-12, Gold-Chains
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Jonathan D. Wade
Marietta, Georgia

My four years here have been far from ordinary, peaceful, and awe-inspiring. First, and foremost, my parents and grandparents (on Earth and in Heaven): the many blessings and life lessons y'all have given me have made me the man I am today. Without your support, none of this would be possible.
As far as coming to (and staying at) VMI, I'm very thankful to have had a great group of VMI alumni, faculty, and staff to help me through: Coach Finwood, for recruiting me to play baseball; Colonel Mortenson, for entrusting me with an Institute Scholarship; Coach Slater, for letting me prove myself; Coach Ikenberry, for being there for me; and Dr.-MAJ-LTC Bell and the rest of the Bio. Department, for providing academic enlightenment. Of the friends that I've made here, I would especially like to thank: my boys in BASECO; and "Grundy," the best-looking 300lbs man I know. To my Rats, Borko and Reggie: don't let the nature of VMI interfere with your life, on or off the court.
Then, to the entire McCombs family: I cannot begin to express the impact that y'all have had on me. I'm forever grateful for your love, and support. And finally, to my one and only Heather: my love, my life, and my best friend: you are truly amazing. You've made my life so happy and I know that soon *our* life will be the same.

2002: Jacob Ratchford
2008: Reggie Williams, Borko Popic
ROTC: Army
Major: Biology



Colleen M. Wall
Catlett, Virginia

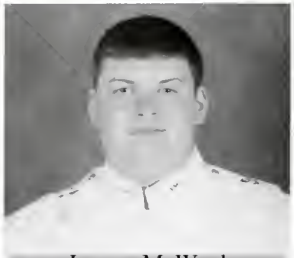
Looking back over the past 4 years, I measure my success in the friends I've made, the deeds I have or haven't done, and the memories I will always carry with me of those who made the past four years extraordinary. To my roommates, my company (Mad Dog Delta!) and those whom I proudly proclaim my true friends: you made it all worthwhile.
Mom, Dad, Caitlin, and Josh, you were always there to pick me up when I struggled, and to celebrate with me when I was on top. I love you and always will. To my Rats: live your lives to the full extent of their possibilities and work hard, but not so hard you forget to have fun.
"I never saw a wild thing
sorry for itself.
A small bird will drop frozen dead from a bough
without ever having felt sorry for itself."
-Self Pity by D.H. Lawrence

2008: Alexa Bernas, Nicole Kozikowski
ROTC: Navy
Major: Chemistry

Aaron Wallace
Ashburn, Virginia

Rat year ended some time ago and now we are out of here in a few months. Not too long ago I was sweating well into my first CP from Hardcore Alpha Cadre. Spending Third Class year in Cuba with the Army made me rethink a lot of things and so very happy to be back. I made it back and later fell in love. Second Class year was crazy with the boys in 209, Aaron Thatcher, Tom Largi, and Erik Gallmann. We became the second guard room with our insomniac study habits. I don't think I got more than four hours of sleep that year. Ring Figure, well what can I say other than that I was still meeting BRs that night and that mug fits three beers at a time. First Class year was by far the best. It took long enough to get to the top but we did. I enjoyed every GP and the nights we stole away with Tequila Tom and the loyal retinue of alcoholics. Rats: keep it up and remember what we taught you. You all have potential to excel. I expect nothing but the best from each of you.
I am proud to be a member of the Class of 2005 and an honor to know all of you loons. I don't believe there are better people out there. We pushed together, ran the block, chased women of many colleges, drank many a drink, and now we are done. Good luck and God Bless!

2002: Nick Kron, Chad Lloyd
2008: Jim Carlson, Chris Graff
Nicknames: Wally,Wally Bear
ROTC: Army
Major: English



Jeremy M. Ward
Grundy, Virginia

When I first arrived, it was for mainly one purpose, to play football. Academics and the military were secondary elements for me. Throughout my time here, I have learned to adapt to the concept of this 3-legged stool though. I owe my ability to do so to those who have supported me.
Before I thank them, I want to remember two people I lost while being here. First, was my pastor, Buford Smith. He was the most spiritually influential person in my life. He lived what he preached and taught me to have faith in the Lord. The next person was my grandfather, Leroy Watson. I respected him because he was Papaw, but also because of different troubles he persevered through. He was a man of determination and perseverance.
Now I want to thank those who have been there for me. Dowler, Dunc, Oaks, Correll, and all the other guys on the team, thank you for everything. Jon, thank you for everything. Since STP, you've been there for me. May you be successful in everything. Thank you to my coaches who believed that I could play. Thank you to my family for supporting me. A special thank you to my Mom and Dad, who have supported me during my time here. Without you, it would have been hard to make it through. Thank you for coming to my games and continuing support. THANK YOU!

2002: Marcus Stiltner
2008: Ryan Mingus, Gerald Payne
Nicknames: Big Country,Grundy
ROTC: Army
Major: Biology

Lawton B. Way
Richmond, Virginia

I grew up in a family where Ratline stories were commor and Brother Rats frequented house. After repeatedly heari legends that spanned from H Court trials to football wins c the Hokies, I decided to see i these stories were true; was V as great as my father, his brot and his friends had made it o to be? I expected a golden cit on a hill, but during my Rat y found that I had been tricked into attending a brass city, wl required frequent shining, fitt sitting on a bluff. With the su of my mother, father, and She I continued on this strange pa which unfortunately was void fraternities and toga parties. E I have persevered in my journ VMI, I have discovered that t outlandish stories turned out t be accurate. In the end, my tir here, although sometimes har monotonous, has been filled w colorful people and events. Ar as I now prepare to graduate a move out past Limit's Gates, I proud to call some of the fines people in the world my brothe To my Rats and my Brothers, luck, I'm sure you will do gre things. And finally, to the Clas 2005, let us now go out and p both our own and the Institute worth.

ROTC: Air Force
Major: History

Kurt C. Weishar
Richmond, Virginia

: VMI,
y we never really got along
vell together. Apparently
weren't a fan of me and
y's peay-o-lantern or the
that we hit C-Murda with
snowball. All I can say is that
uld never, ever, under any
mstances go through this
n. I've come to dislike about
of the people that go here
here are a few people and
s that have definitely made it
able and dare I say, fun. To
he kids in Tiger Echo and all
CE kids (You know who you
thanks for making up that
r 2%. I'd also like to give a
icular shout out to Will Ray
keeping me straight and not
ng me get myself kicked out
is place, and to my friends at
e for keeping me sane on the
k-ends. Ashleigh definitely
rves a mention in this thing for
he packages she sent me and
keeping me sane as well. Mom
Dad, I can't say thank you
igh for this opportunity and for
he help and tailgates along the
To Rat Matt, good luck at this
e and don't give up. VMI has
ht me a lot and I don't think I
expected myself to actually
be sitting here writing this
g. I guess I just want to thank
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: Jeff Bushman
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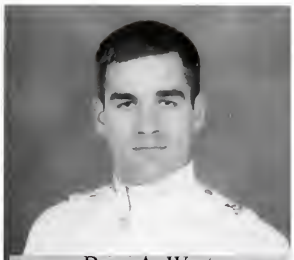


Beau A. West
Nicholasville, Kentucky

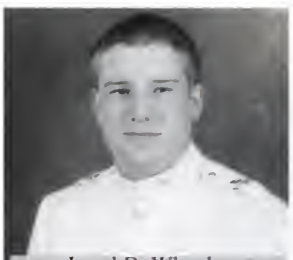
Just trying to stay alive, and can't wait to get out of here.

2002: Dan George.
2008: Jeremy Adams.
ROTC: Marine Corps
Major: Psychology

Hunter W. West
Tarpon Springs, Florida

The end is here and it has not always been fun or easy but it has been worth it. I would not have been able to get here if it was not for my mom and dad, my grandparents, my brother or my Samantha. I love all of you. Thanks for the support. I started living in MIGHTY 457 with Jarod Wheeler, Rob Williams, and Matt Wilkins. I am sad to say that only Jarod and myself have made it to this point. TEAR! My Dyke was also great. Scott might not have taught me everything but I hope I can do as well as he did. To my Rats: I hope I have been able to give you what my Dyke gave me and if that is so I know you will do great. To my roommates of 398, 298, and 198, CRAP those heaters were loud. Thanks for being such great roommates and friends. To my Mechanical Engineering buds, thanks for all the help and the great times on all of those long nights. Jim I am glad you got over how much you hated me at STP basketball. Bob you still have had no Ratline. Tom...EMO...drunken giraffe, you are crazy. Lee, I wish you would change your Twinkie ways. Brant we have had some great talks and even better laughs. Colin, always tell them with your parallelogram mouth. Yu-Fan….ni hao. To all of the ones I did not mention I still love you.

2002: Scott Hunsberger
2008: Giles Hohn, Patrick Schrafft
Nicknames:Huge, Cro
ROTC: Army
Major: Mechanical Engineering



Jarod B. Wheeler
Asheville, North Carolina

It is difficult to capture the feelings of gratitude and sentiment that we have all developed to those who have influenced our lives here, much less express them in a few lines. I wish that I could address each of you individually. To our Dykes' class, thank you for setting the example, even when it hurt, and showing us why strong class bonds are so important. To my Brother, thank you for paving my way by having the fortitude to make your journey here, and being a support through my endeavors. To my Dyke, I thank you for the strength and guidance you have given me through your example and sacrifices here at the Institute, and in your time afterwards. Your memory will be with us always, and is a calling for all of us to live honorably and "fight the good fight" so that your sacrifice is not in vain. You are one of the most special men I have ever had the privilege of knowing, and calling a friend, which is significant as I consider my company here, my Brother Rats. The hardships we have endured, and memories we have made are the one prize I take away from the "I." To my roommates, original and present, Ben King, my Golf Company comrades, and all of my friends here who I can't call by name, I truly do consider you all my brothers. I am forever in your debt.

ROTC: Army
Major: Civil Engineering

Christopher E. White
Roanoke, Virginia

What can I say about VMI that hasn't already been said? I hate to love this place, but I do, and I'll miss it. Most of all I'll miss the friends I have made along the way. Erbe, Sak, Vanpelt, and Wells, you guys made Rat year as awesome as it could be, so here's to the boys of 422, the best Rat roommates a guy could have. Coop and Derek (Custed), you guys put up with me for three long years. I can certainly say that if it wasn't for you two, I probably wouldn't have made it through this place. Thanks for all the good times and support, I know we will remain friends until the wheels fall off.

All my CE buds who kept me company in NEB on those late nights, I wish you the best. Rat ties, keep pressing on, and don't lose your focus. When times get rough Third Class year, always remember, JMU is right up the street. Lastly, I want to thank my parents for making this experience possible, and for all the love and support they have given me through the years. We did it... congratulations 2005 and good luck!

"Try not to become a man of success, but rather, try to become a man of value." -- Albert Einstein

2002: Paul Stamp, Chris Mills
2008: Josh Patoka
Nicknames: CUSTED
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Civil Engineering

James R. White
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

Since VMI is only made tolerable by those around you, I'm going to skip the usual BS and go straight to talking about those people that matter most to me. To my parents and family: you've shown me so much love and support. My proudest moments at this school have been the times when you've been standing behind me watching my every move. I love you guys. To Brant and Hunter: my two best friends at this place. Nothing will ever beat the times we've had together. From the gargoyles, to the body slams, to talking smack on IM, I'll never forget any of it. To the 1st class ME's: I'll never forget the construction, the IBC's, and the SR71's. To Hotel Company: I've been proud of being a member of the "Pride of the Corps" since the day I put my idiot tag on. Long live the belligerence and tomfoolery. To my Rats, Chris, Christoff, and Dan: I hope you guys have learned a lot from Brant and I. I wish you luck over these next few years and for the years to follow. To my Dyke, Doug: you showed me how to work hard and I've succeeded because of it. Last but not least, to Whitney: ever since the day we met, you've made my life better. You make me feel like a man with no flaws, even though I'm full of them and I love you for it. Thank you for always being there. I'm Out!!

2002: Doug Garbark
2008: Christian Lomicka
Nicknames: Jimmy, Jimbo
ROTC: Navy
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Fredrick B. Wilkins
Reidsville, North Carolina

Even though I wasn't a part of this class, I really feel like I have found a home away from home in the class of 2005. My roomates have definetly been the support that I needed after being away from VMI I so long. The road is finally over, best of luck to everyone in the future. ~

ROTC: Army
Major: Psychology

Austin D. Williams
Fairfax, Virginia

Peace....What up? Somehow I
it. As much as I.H.T.F.P. I mus
it was good for me so I'll start
by thanking VMI for making r
forward in life. I learned many
lessons here, most important b
that life is like this school, unf
corrupt. Its not how many A's
get but how many hands you s
Its who you know. I never got
A's and I didn't know anyone
now I know all the people I ne
know. Too many to names, but
know who you are and are prol
in the picture. Thanks to all the
I lost during my years here that
be in the picture: 2-Tone, Carls
Herrick, Titus, Vike, Marissa,
Mcguire, Ski, Kyle, Steve, Esa
Rome, Ram. Shout out to the r
GANGST soccer team ever. M
dukes, Tony, Gramps and Gram
and all my family I know I nev
say it but you know I LOVE Y
Lost but not least I wouldn't be
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44(haha), Pharoah-22, Stallion-
Lil Penny-1, Darryl-34, Inspect
22, Mones-21. Love the rest of
LB fans and all my Fairfax peo
Thanks for all your help and su
MaryAnne. Live Only to Satisf
Tomorrow...Live @$$ %!GG
that are Obviously gangst and S
true to each other until Time en
I've talked about this junt and t
junt so now im done...Forever

NickNames: Shwilly, Teck, Mo
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Business Economics

Kendall B. Williams
Flint, Michigan

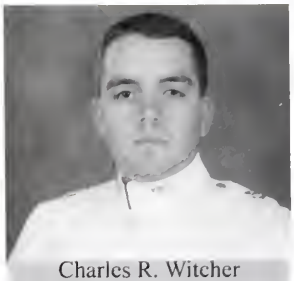
een a long road. Maybe that's it's the one less traveled. As k back on the journey, I never ght that I would graduate from nstitute, but now that the time is I am ready to start my life. I've ed many lessons throughout my many of which I had to learn ard way, so I can save other s the trouble, I will state the r ones. Don't answer a special t on Mondays; something that rred over the week-end has put y member on the Commandant's in a bad mood. Have fun e you can, chances are you'll n restrictions sometime soon. gers, everyone does a Zulu, joy it (and the excuse that as cold outside" doesn't fly). don't really need to fold all of underwear, just the first two es. Don't spend a majority of time in the books: these are the years of your life. VMI teaches nission, not discipline; you will discipline only through the action with your peers. That is re the real value exists. Finally, from the Corps; from them can learn how to deal with and rstand individuals of different grounds. Dave Debruyan, deman, Topo, and Billy, thanks pooking out for me. Dave, Brad, e, and Rojo, give the power back e Corps. Delta, it's finally over. s go show the world what we're e of.

2: Dave Debruyan
3: Dave Patterson, Brad Williams
knames: Keñian, Dirty D
TC: Air Force
or: Business Economics

Henry A. Wise
Richmond, Virginia

Sometimes I wonder how to break the silence. I laugh. Maybe it is because it is the lurking place of my ultimate fear truth. I would do anything to escape but I have found it is hard to leave yourself. With silence comes baggage I tried to leave behind a hundred times in the last few milliseconds. I do not laugh because it is funny. I make some remark that means nothing to anybody and is ravenously devoured by the silence permeating my world of fear and delusion. It is soon forgotten and I know when I lay in bed tonight I will try to sing the silence away. maybe if I am lucky I will forget what I am trying to forget. But I doubt it.

2002: John Fuller
2008: Chris Haviley, Evan Lyne
Nicknames: Pale Procrastinator
ROTC: Air Force
Major: English



Charles R. Witcher
Bristol Tennesee

It's hard to believe that my four years at this place are finally ending. It has certainly been the toughest four years of my life, and it has also been the most rewarding. I know that if I did not have the prayers and support of many people, there is no way I could have made it. First and foremost, I would like to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through whom all things are possible. Next, I owe a great deal of thanks to my family. Thanks for listening to my constant complaining, making endless trips to Lexington for tailgates and football games, and always encouraging me and guiding me in the right direction through all my hard times here. Thanks also to the Nixes and Bryans for giving me a home away from home. Last but not least, I want to thank all the friends I have made here. Anthony, Paul, Henry, and Eddie: I could not have asked for better roommates, and I will always remember the times we had together. To our neighbors in rooms 132 and 134, you guys were lots of fun, and I'm sure we will stay in touch when our time at VMI is over. Tim, Grigg, and Jake, you have all been good Rats, so keep your grades up and stay out of trouble. Before you know it you will have Rats of your own. To my friends, I wish you the best in your lives after VMI!

2002: JR Fidler,
2008: Tim Gallina
Nicknames: Rob, Blob
ROTC: Air Force
Major: Civil Engineering

Matthew T. Woyansky
Alexandria, Virginia

Well it's here the day that we've all been waiting for. I wish that I could say it's really over for me, but I love this place so much that I thought I would stay a little longer. Actually, I got deployed and I have to finish up what I missed while I was away. That's beside the point. Good luck BR's it's been a great road to travel with you all. ~

ROTC: Army
Major: History

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"LET ME RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE ME."

-HEBREWS 12:1

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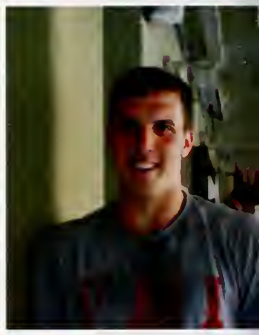

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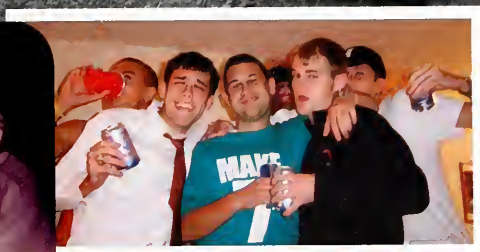
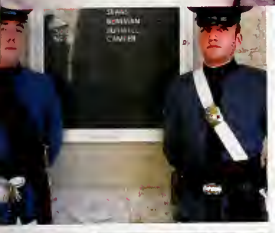




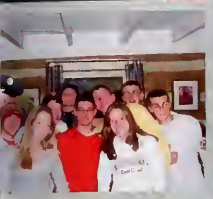
Class of 2006

It all started August 17th 2002. Most of us had no idea what we were getting ourselves into, after all, if we had v probably would have re-evaluated our college decision. Anyhow, for various reasons, we decided to stay; it prov to be one of the best decisions we could have ever made. As the ratline began we quickly realized that VMI wa more than just a normal college. Yes, it was physically demanding, yes it was mentally tough, but the bonds th we established over those 5 ½ months have proved unbreakable. Some say that the so called bonds simply wash away in the mud that cold day in January, or that the Brother Rat spirit subsided quickly after the conclusion the ratline. Well, we know differently.

As time slowly continued after Breakout we soon realized that the VMI experience would only increase in difficulty. Third class year was a rude awakening for many of us. GPA's declined and demerit counts increased. longer did we have a small work load and a dyke to which we could turn. In fact, many of us got to know our ri quite well due to all the PT's we so graciously earned. Nevertheless, life at VMI persisted. Though painstaking third class year finally came to an end and soon enough we were second classmen. Ring Figure was upon us. It was finally our time, our time to shine, our time to enter the Brotherhood of the Ring. Ring Figure proved to be an amazing event for every one of us. In fact, most of us had a little too much fun, which was to be expected Nonetheless, Ring Figure will never be forgotten, after all we have our rings to remind us of the event for the re of our lives.

Before I conclude, I would like to recognize our fallen Brother Rat, Adrian A. Cmerek. There was no doubt tha he was one of the greatest people you ever could have had the chance to meet. Adrian, you will be in our hearts forever. Also, several Brother Rats were deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq to serve our country in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. As a class we thank them for their selfless service to our country and pr that they make it home safely.

Lastly, the class of 2006 has been by far the strongest body I have ever been a part of. Our class, like many previous classes produced by VMI, has an interminable strength, an everlasting durability. We have been throu many trials and tribulations, good times and bad. Yes, we have generated a footprint on VMI and will continue do so, however; the most notable characteristic possessed by our class is our unbreakable union. Due to this, I ha no reservation in our class's ability to run the corps with the utmost professionalism and integrity. We have on year left. It is now time to take charge.



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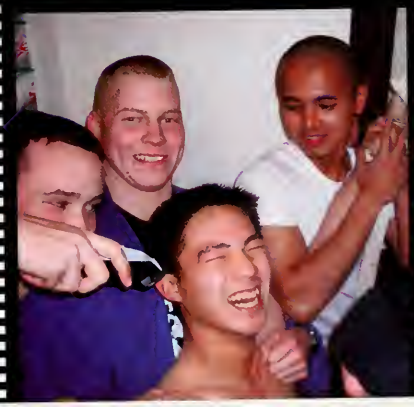

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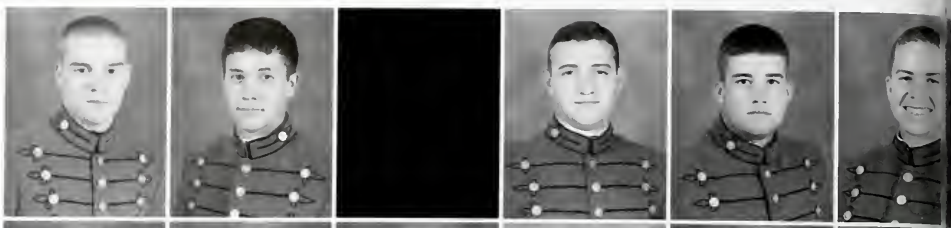

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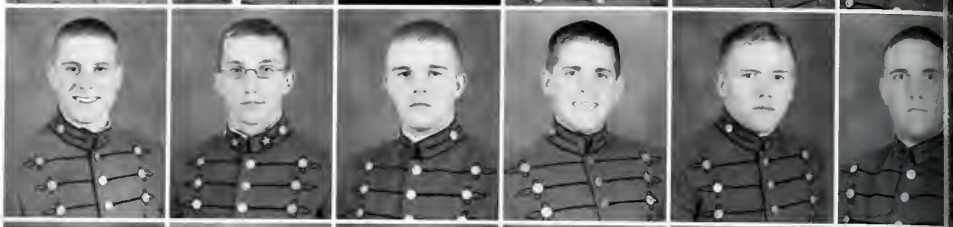

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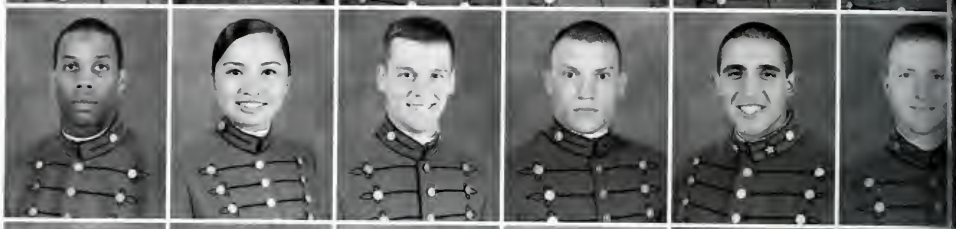

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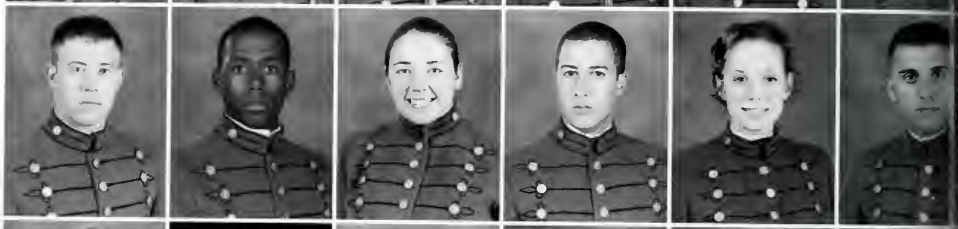

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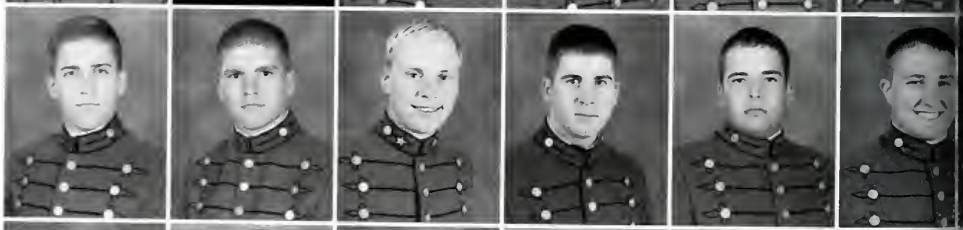

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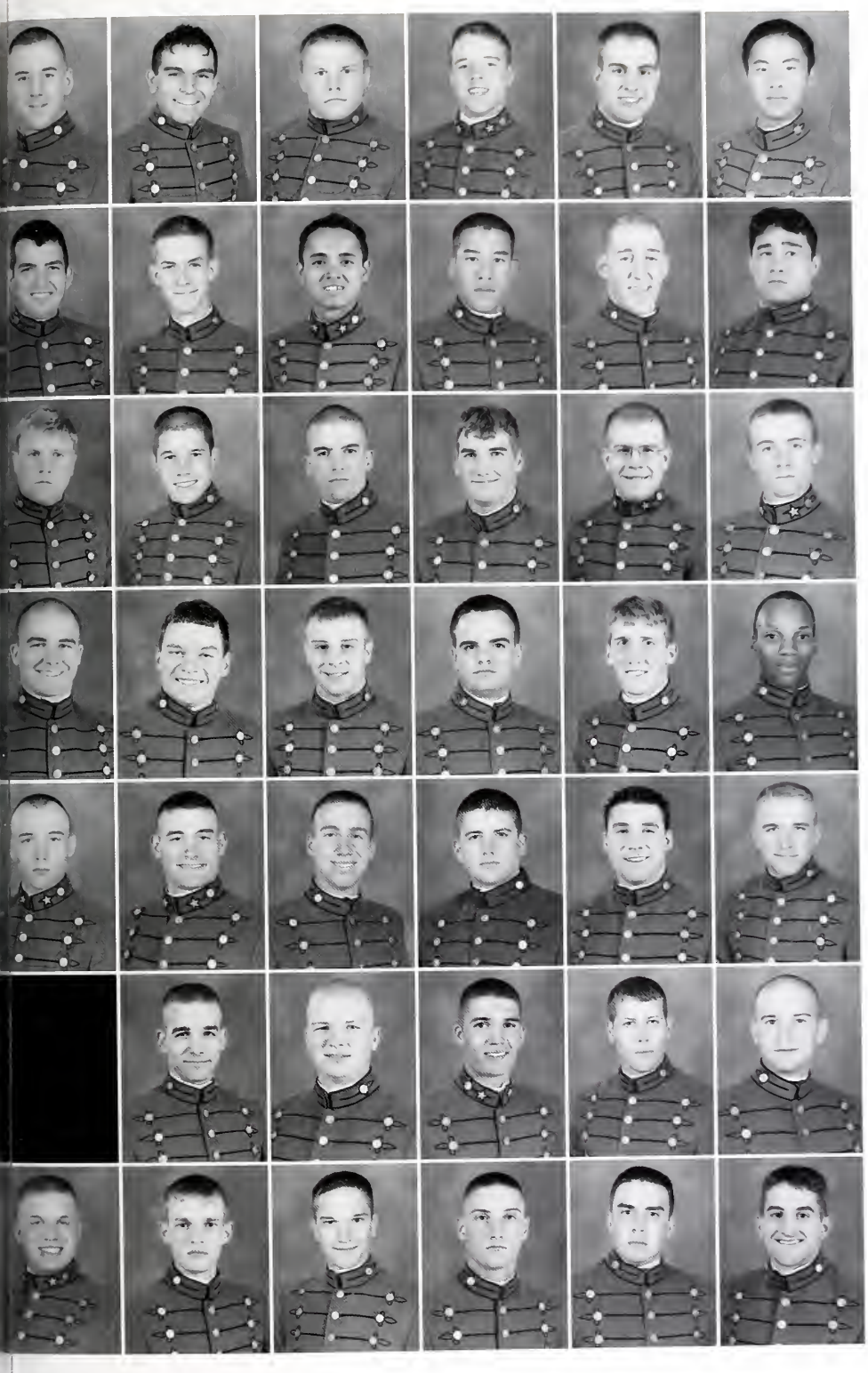

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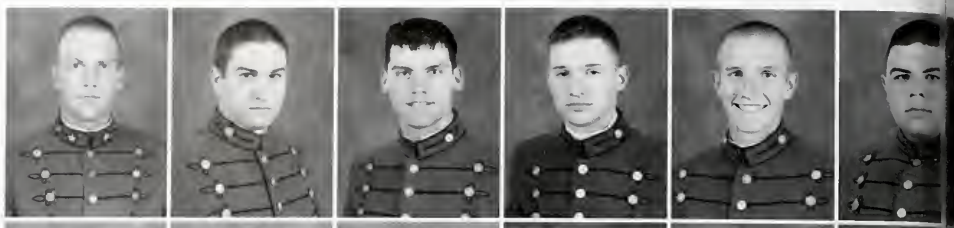

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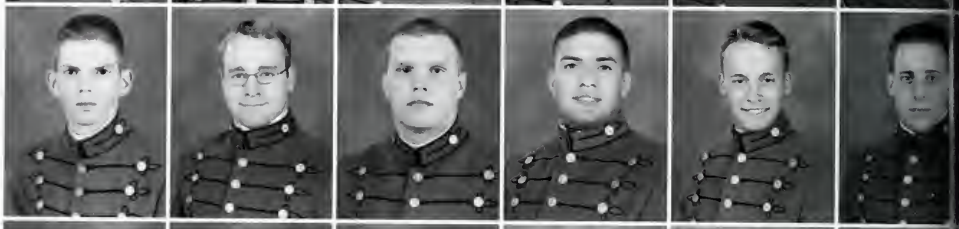

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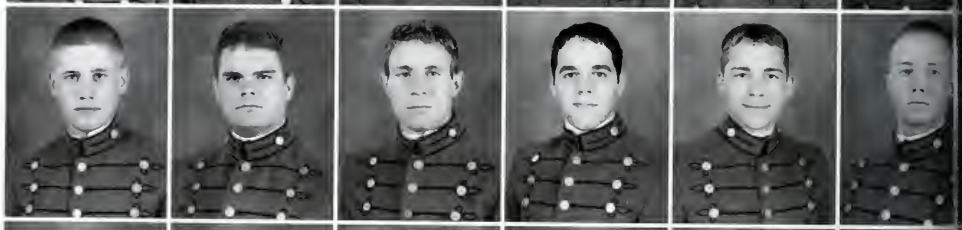

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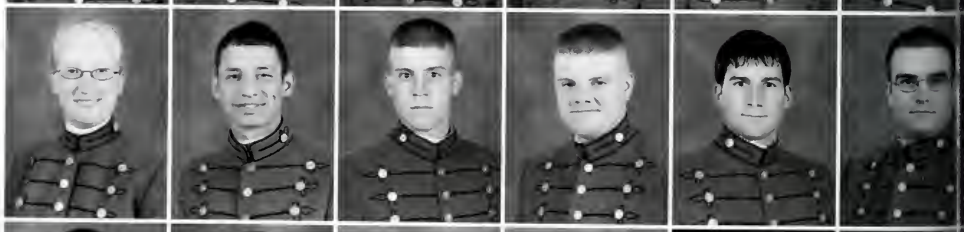

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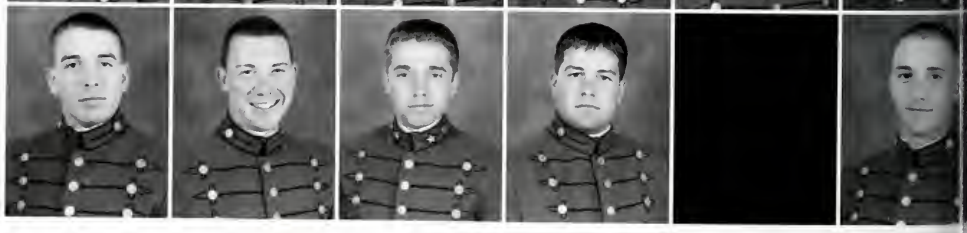

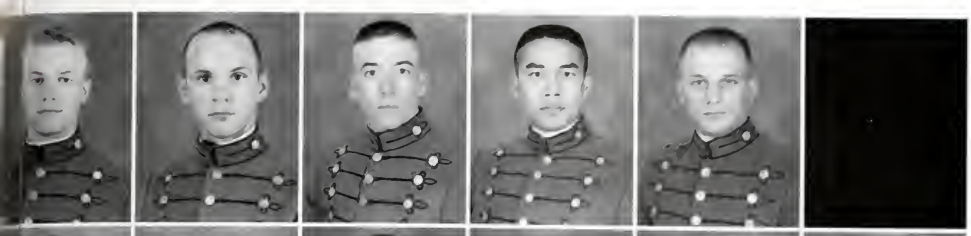

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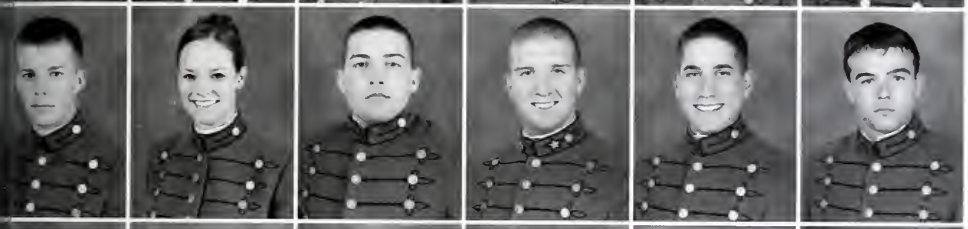

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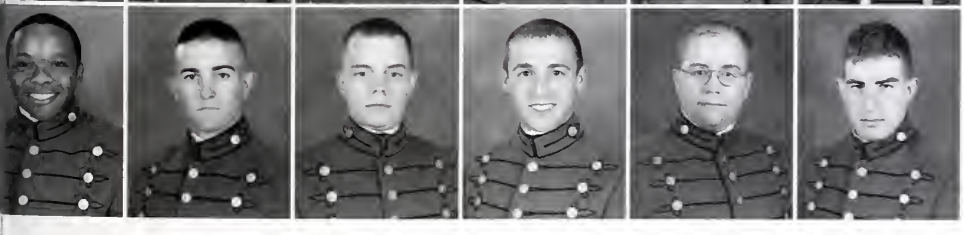

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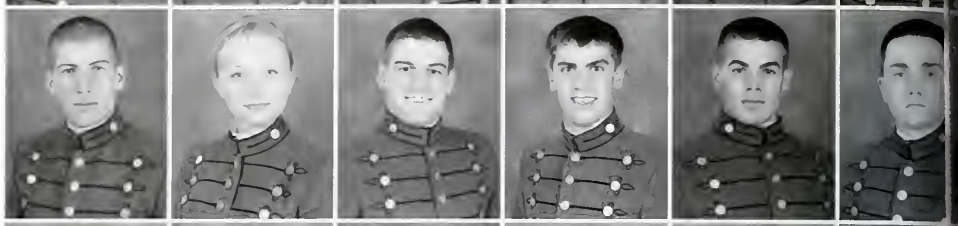

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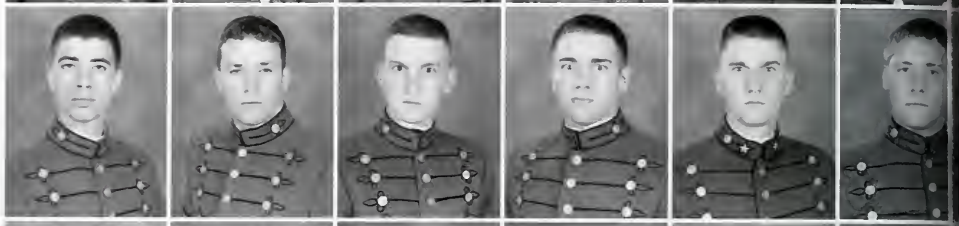

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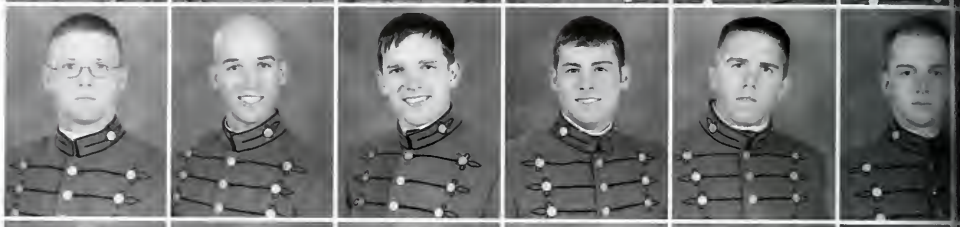

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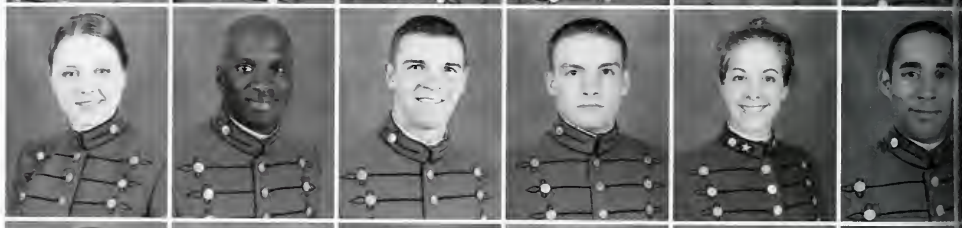

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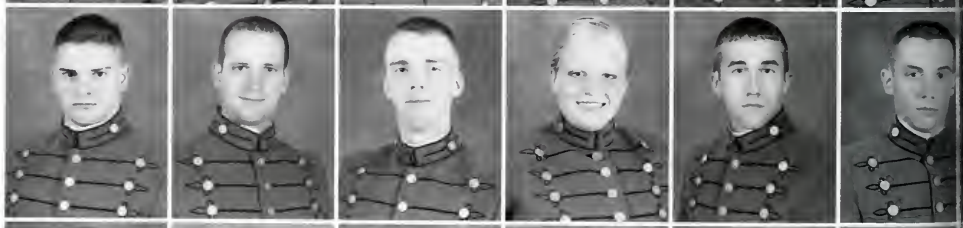

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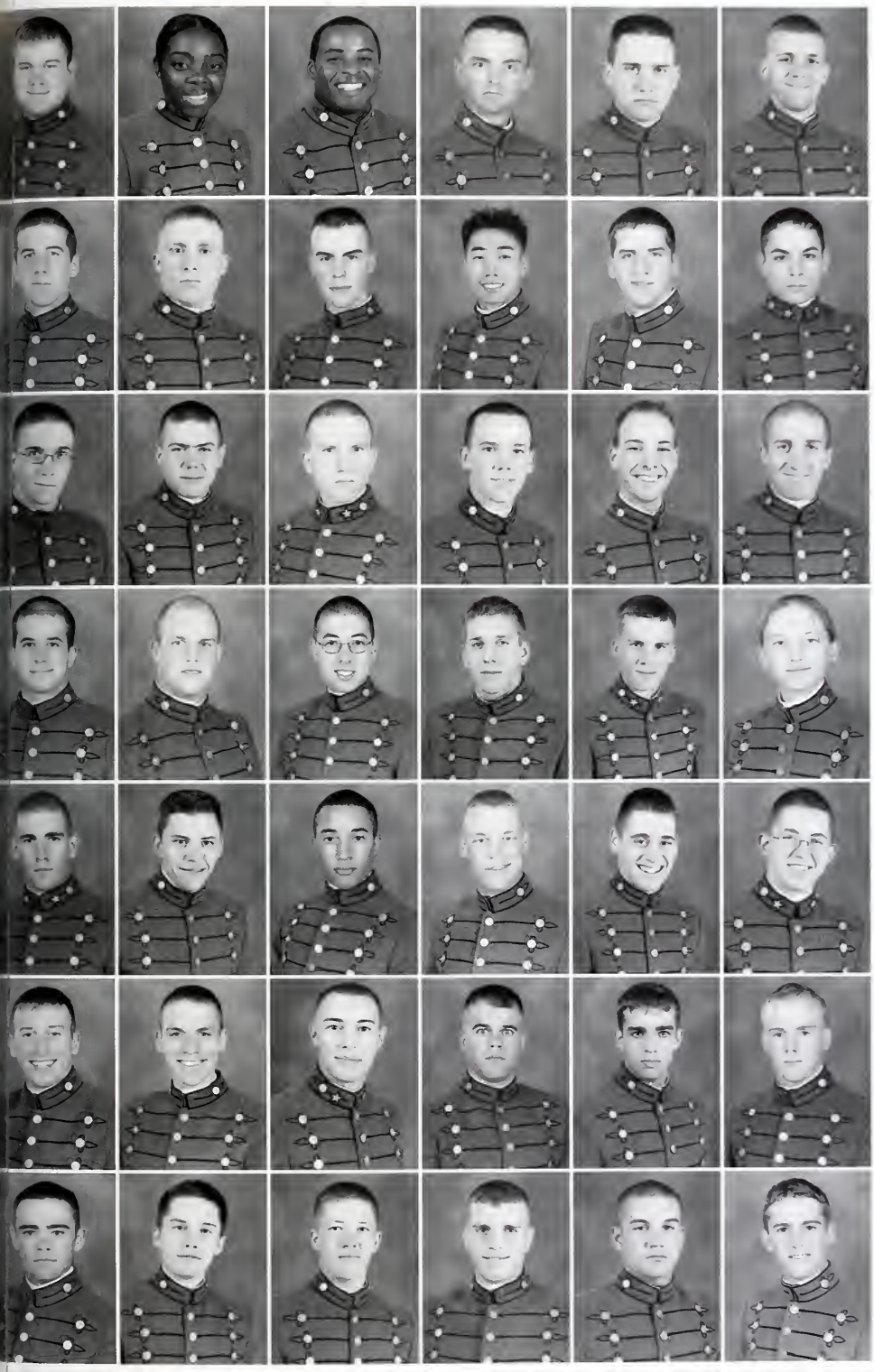

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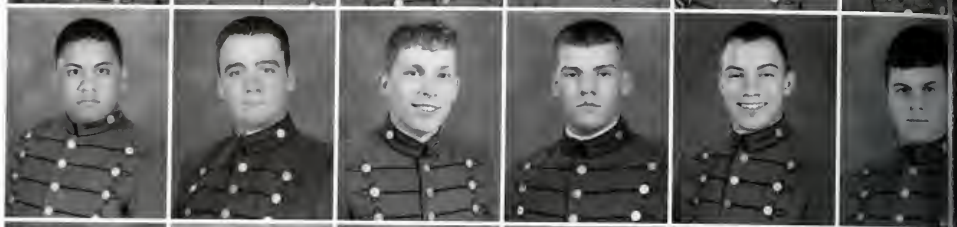

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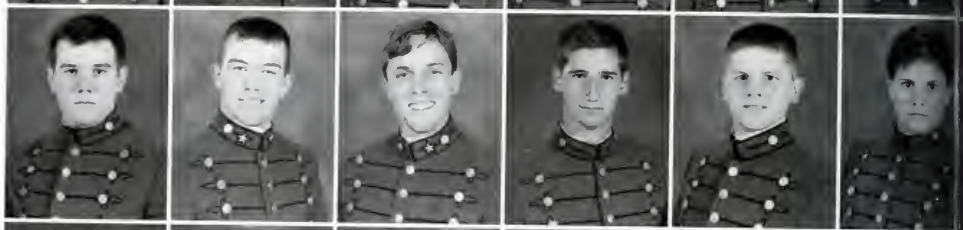

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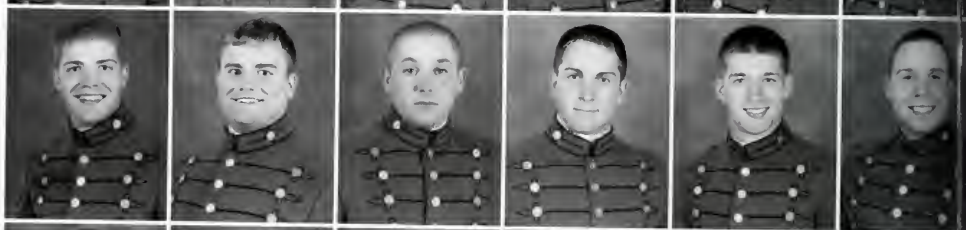

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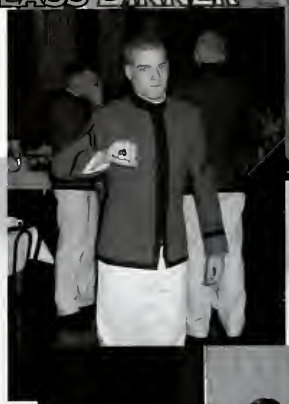

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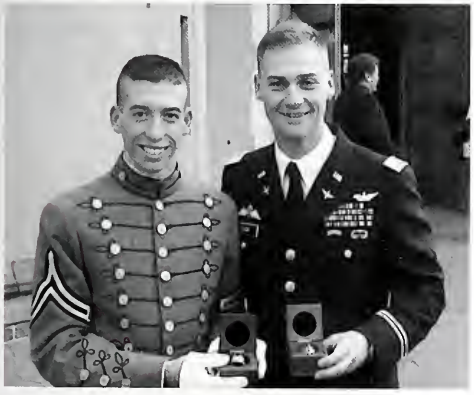

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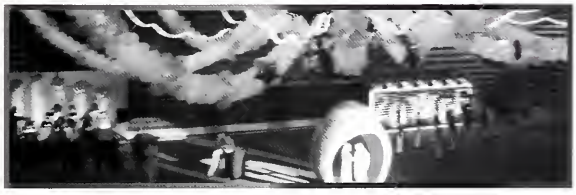

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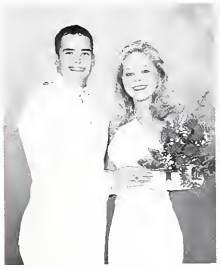

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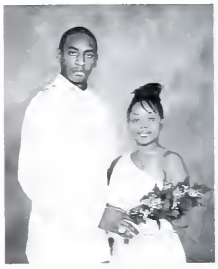

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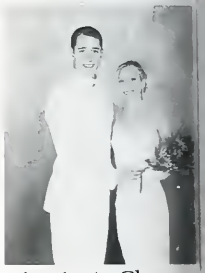
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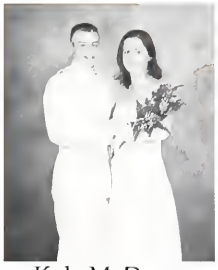

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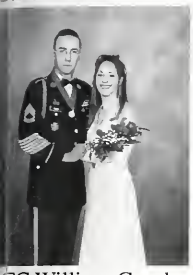

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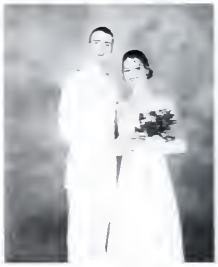

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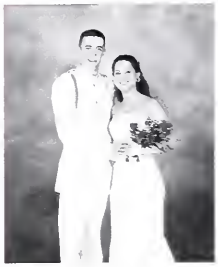

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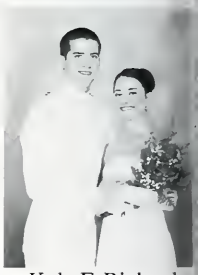
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Tyler reeallly likes taking pictures
A little spectating never hurts
Eric finds some left-overs on his date's cheek
Ryan with some stylish, yet tactical liquid courage
Professor Ups presume?

Tweeeet!!
Party foul!
Tyler must have gotten a trumpet for Ring Figure!
Wait a second Matt...
Thats not your date!
Mike and Jared
anging out at the hotel
92ND
DIV.
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MONTANA STATE
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Donny and Dave, sharing
a seemingly hilarious
moment.
Bling!!

It has become tradition for each ring figure class to choose two non-alumni members amongst the V.M.I. community in which to bestowe the title of "Honorary Brother Rats". Those considered for the honor are those working at V.M.I. that strongly exhibit the values and traits of the class and of the Institute. This year, the Class of 2006 chose to name Captain James Cook as well as Sergeant First Class William Gourley as our honorary members of the class. This is some of what they have to say to the cadets [illegible]

To the Class of 2006,

I have spent my entire career serving an organization that promotes honesty, integrity, esprit de corps, and camaraderie. As a former Army Non-Commissioned Officer and now Officer, I learned the essence and importance of teamwork to accomplish any mission. I have found that the VMI Corps of Cadets, especially the class of 2006, are instrumental in maintaining the highest standards of ethics within the military, civilian workplace, and academia. My love for what '06 represents, and my humble appreciation for their votes in selecting me as their Honorary Brother Rat, is a compliment and affirmation to every ideal I possess and admire in others. The Brother-Rat Spirit is a family connection that breathes Honor, drinks humility, scorns deceit, and lives to encourage each other. God bless you Class of 2006, and God bless V-M-I.

- Capt. James Cook
HBR Class of 2006

2006,

Throughout my career I have been blessed with numerous distinctions and awards, but the title of "Honorary Brother Rat of VMI Class of 2006" stands by far as the most prestigious. The feeling I have of being counted as one of your own is one like no other, one filled with pride, loyalty and honor.

Although I do not sit in the classroom as a student, I still continue to learn on a daily basis, and have throughout my life. Here at VMI there are many lessons to be learned, each and every day. I receive these lessons from my fellow soldiers and from you, the cadets here at the Institute. One of the biggest lessons that you have taught me is that our nation's youth are not quite strong, not only in the physical aspect, but with your morals, values and how you care about our society. I truly admire what the Cadets here at VMI go through on a daily basis, how you have to balance academics, the military lifestyle and numerous other extra-curricular activities you asked to be a part of. Many a time I ask myself could have done it.

Again, it is truly an honor to be recognized by some of the finest young men and women America has to offer. I would also like to thank you for the contributions to our Nation that I'm sure each and every one of you will make in the future. Finally, I'd like to note that my son Nick, whom I am extremely proud of, will be graduating high school in 2006 ... kind of odd, but neat, to have a class ring with the same year as your son's.Good luck to all of you and I wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors.

Yours in service,

SFC William H. Gourley
HBR, Class of 2006

Class of 2007

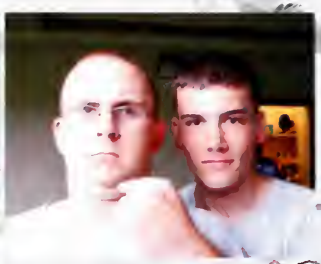
The days from August 16, 2003 through January 24, 2004, mark the formation of the Class of 2007. From "Hell" week to sweat parties and rat riots, our dykes class heated, forged, and strengthened us, while amongst ourselves we sharpened the blade that is our class bond.

Although the ratline was daunting, third class year has proven to be a terrific obstacle in its own right. Tougher academics have replaced push-ups and rat bible knowledge, and hanging out in our dyke's rooms has become planning for Ring Figure. All of us have taken on more significant roles within the Corps. Some have excelled in their respective military branches and our Brother Rats now proudly represent us on the Rat Disciplinary Committee and the Honor Court.

Since breakout, a host of our Brother Rats have felt the omnipotence of the Commandant's Staff. Alcohol use, sneaking Mid-Winter Formal dates into barracks, and other such roguish behavior has caused a number of us to establish a deep friendship based on the shared hardships of marching penalty tours for 3 hours at a time. In addition, internet photos proved to be incriminating in 2005 and have landed specials on quite a few desks. Some of us epitomized what it was to be the true "face booker" while others earned guest appearances on the six o'clock news. However, these infamous scandals have ultimately helped us to mature.

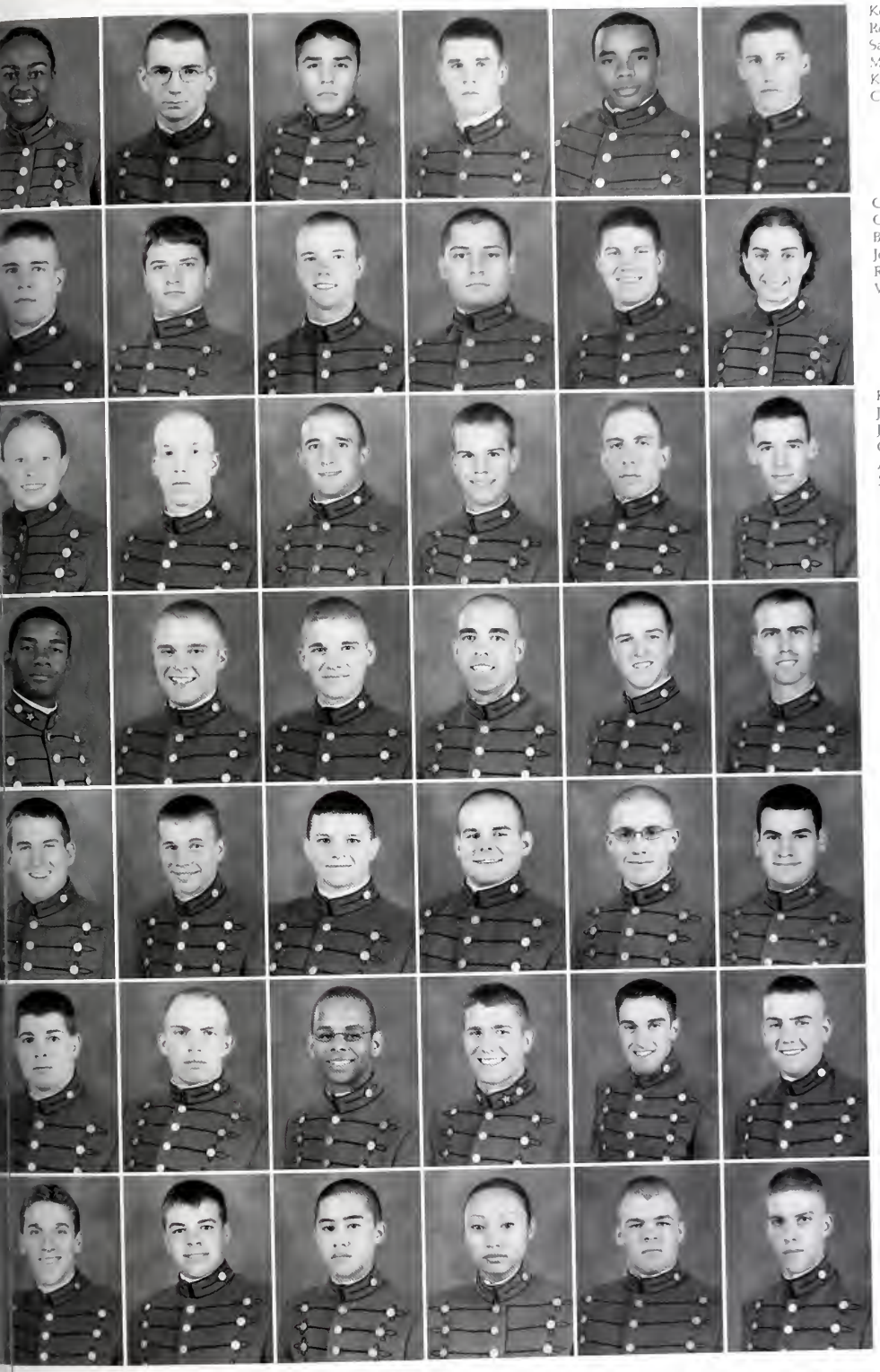
Despite our trials and tribulations thus far at the Institute, the Class of 2007 has proven to be remarkable. Our collective potential is limitless because we face the future together, as the Class of 2007.

Thirds Eat...



"By his deeds we know a man."
-African Proverb

- James Russell Lowell
"Fate loves the fearless."



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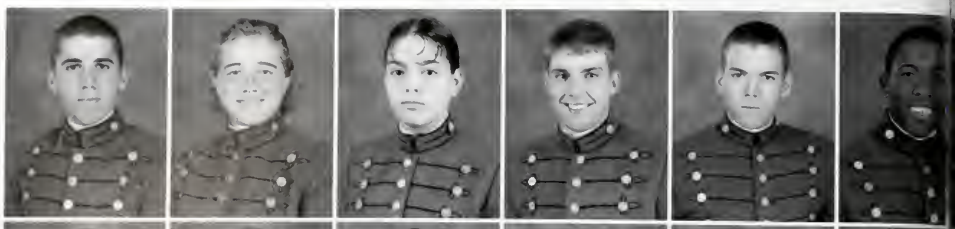

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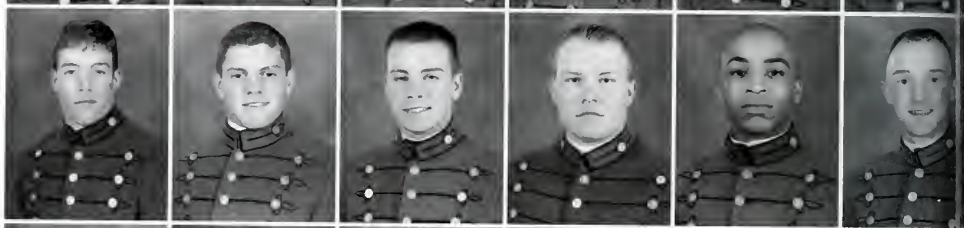

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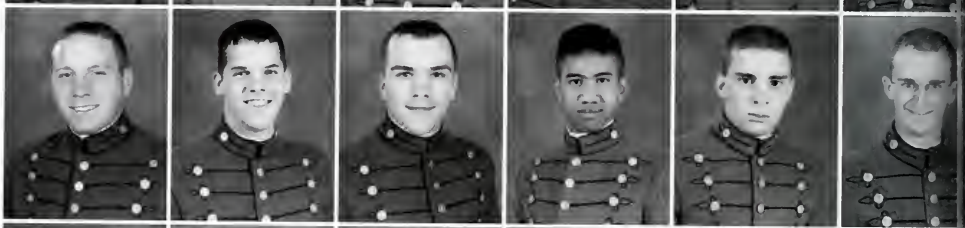

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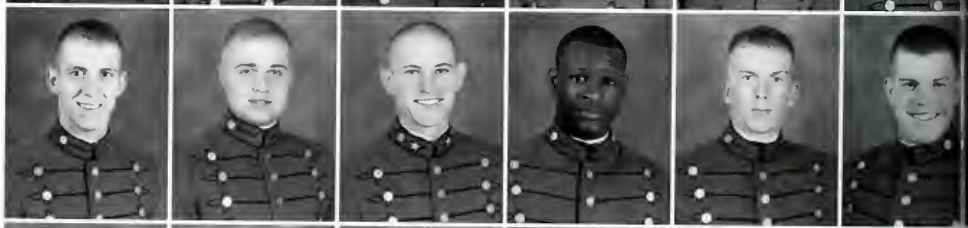

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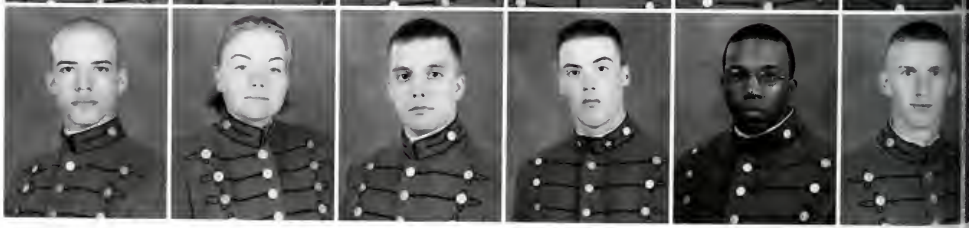

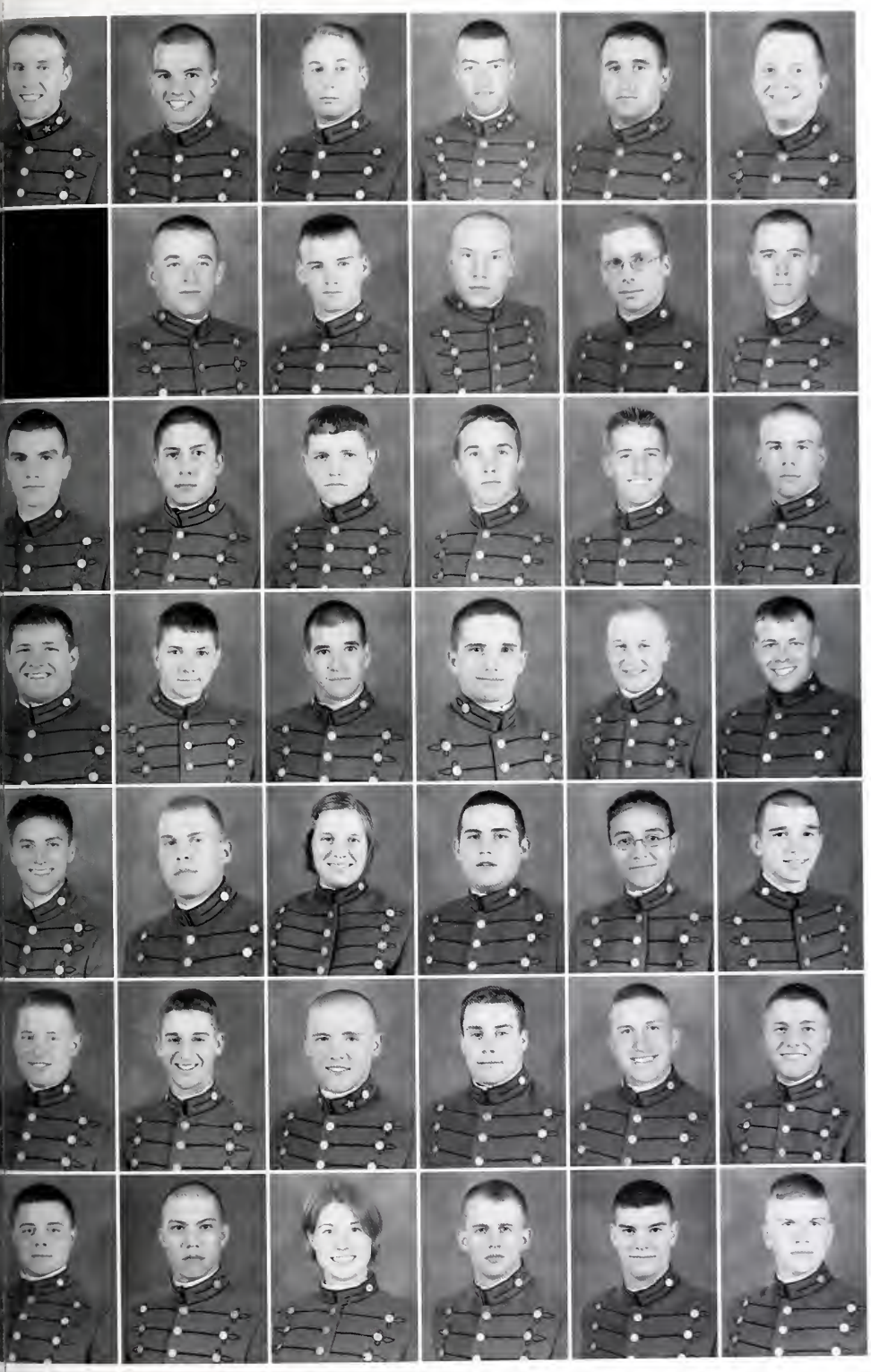

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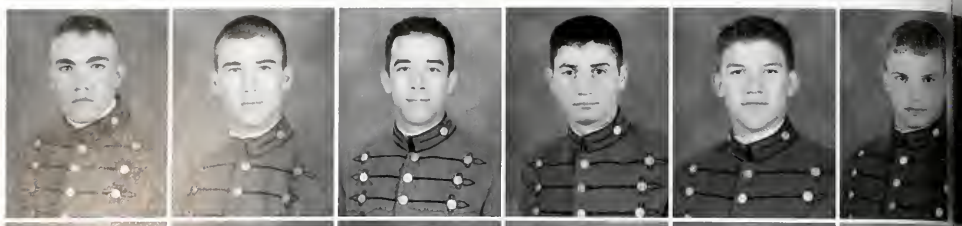

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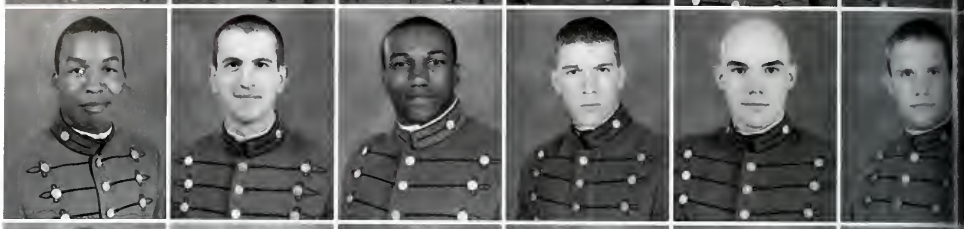

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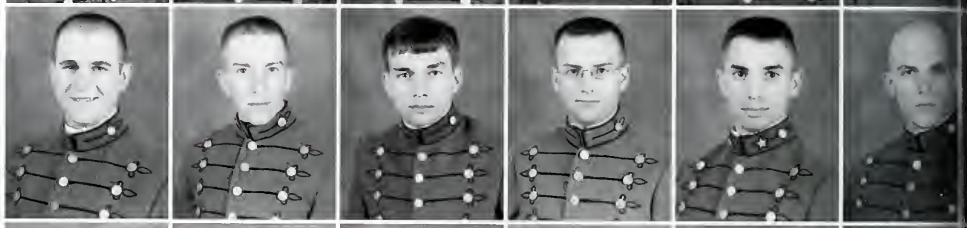

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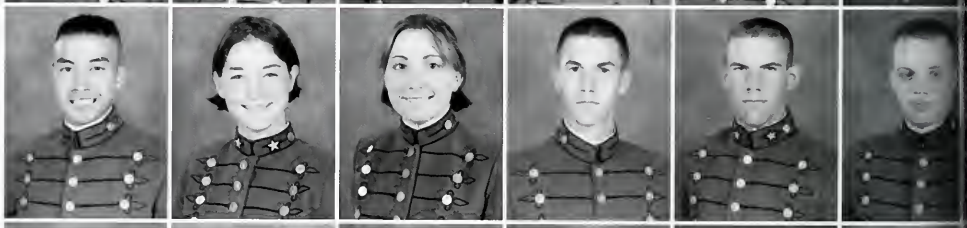

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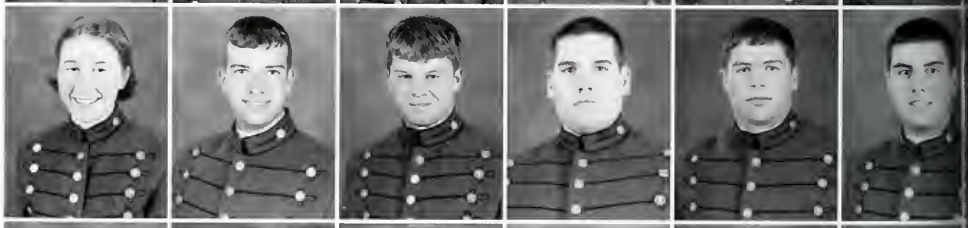

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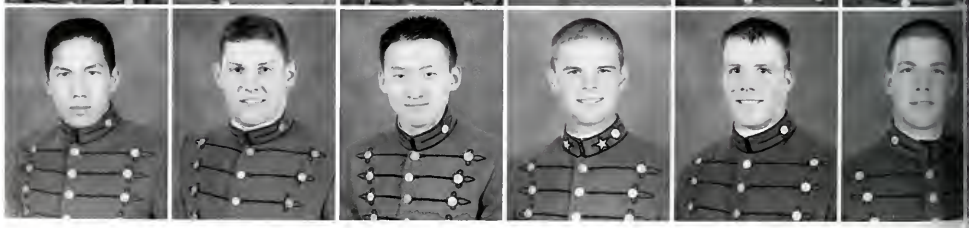

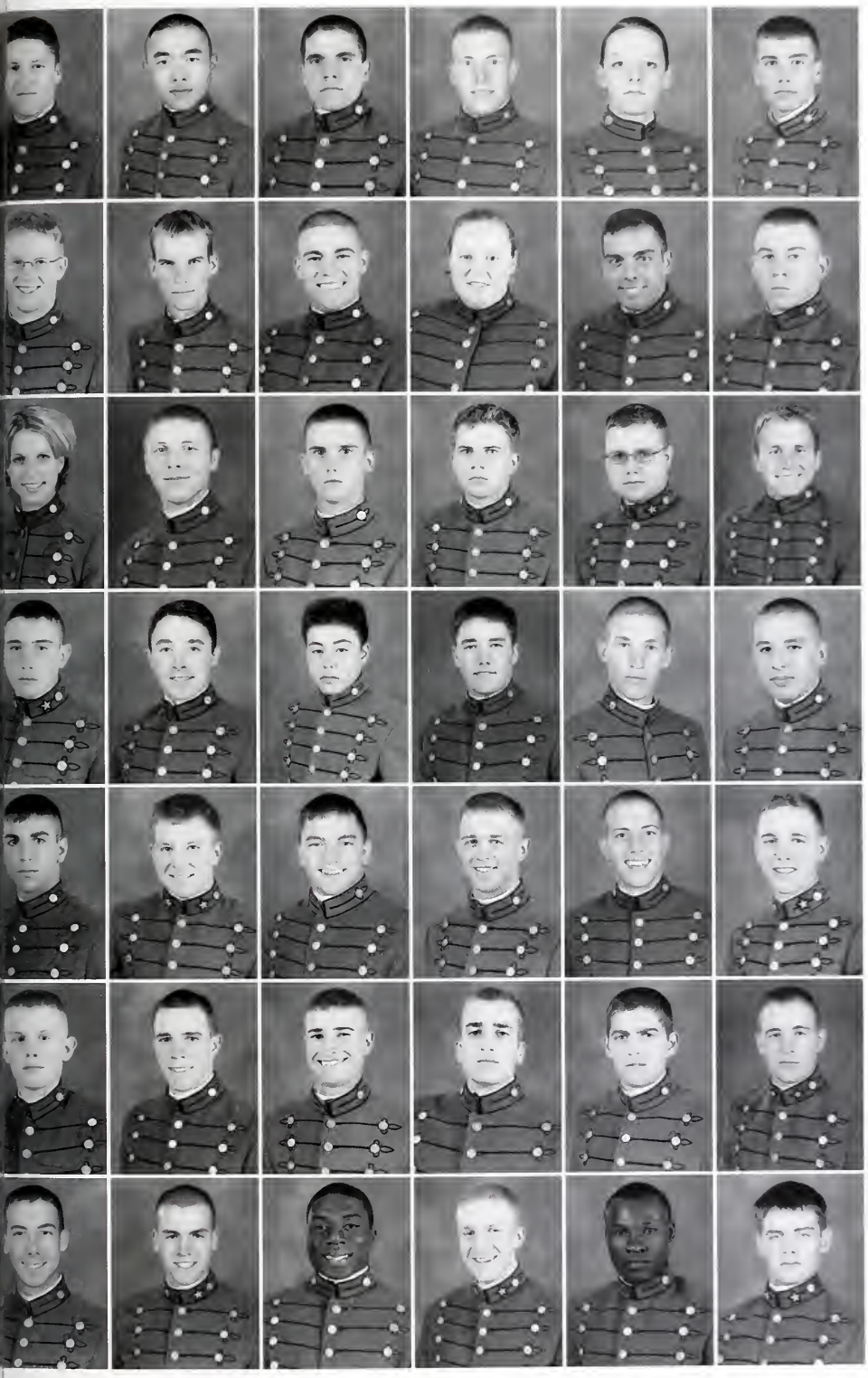

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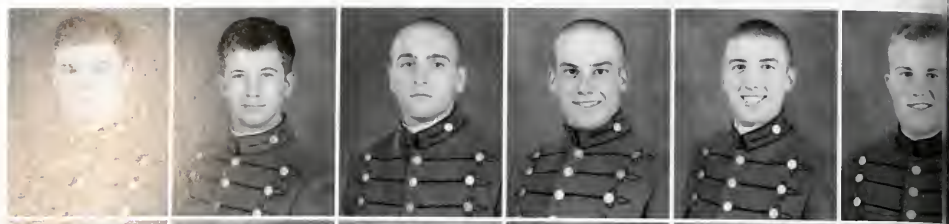

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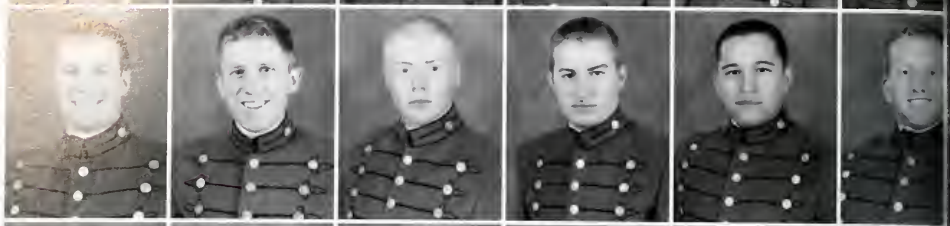

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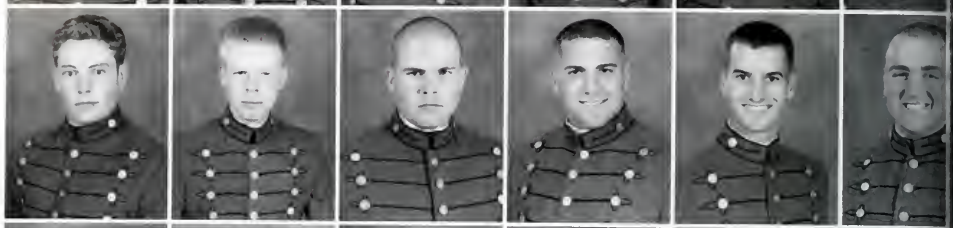

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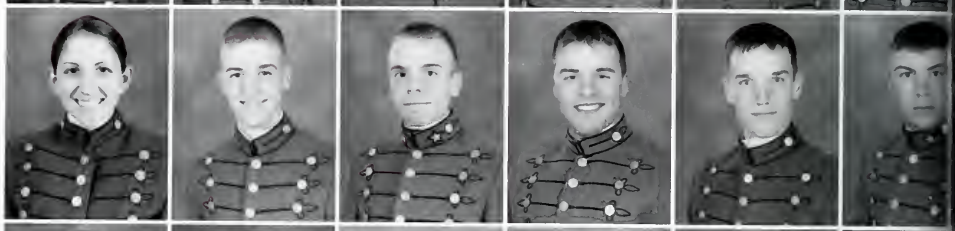

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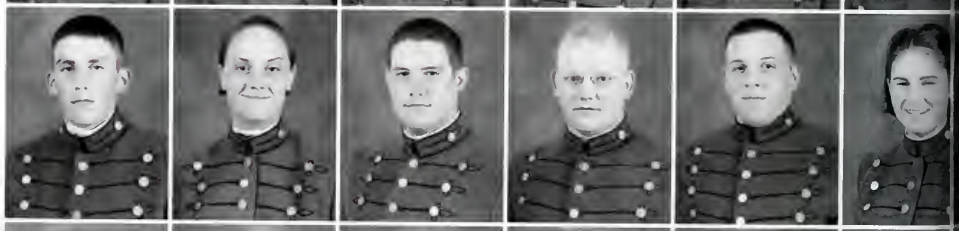

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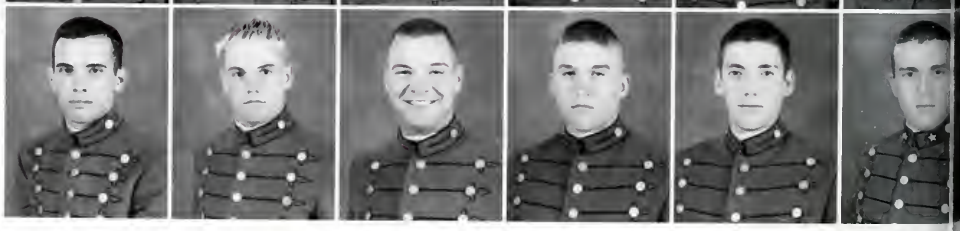

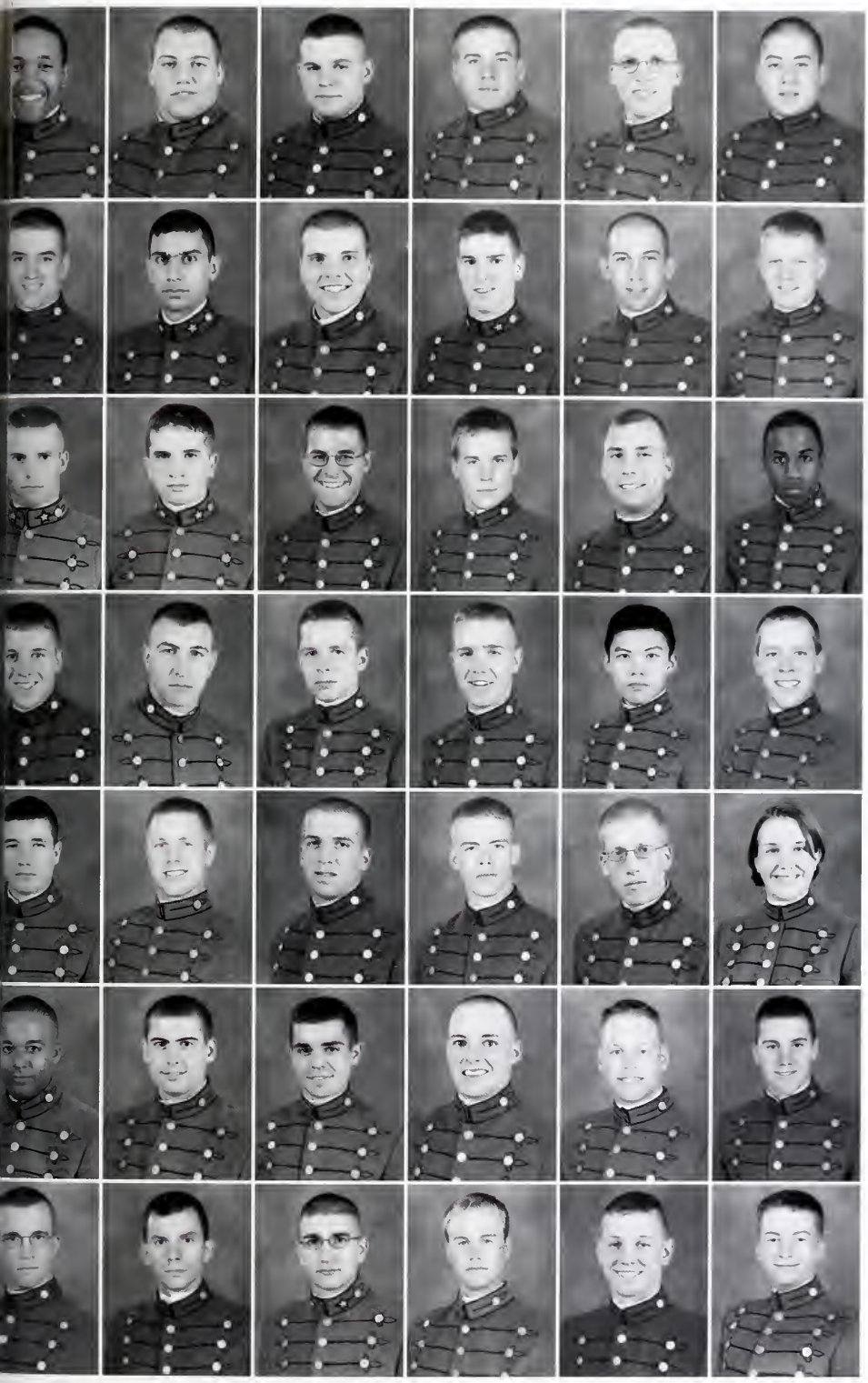

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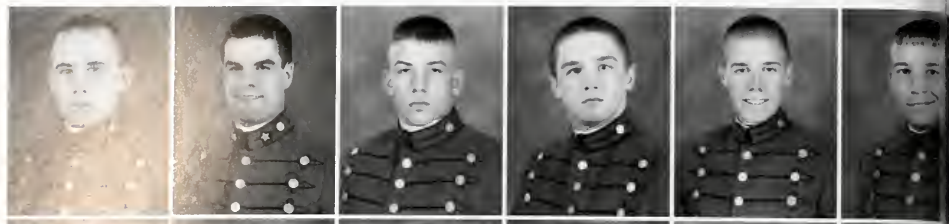

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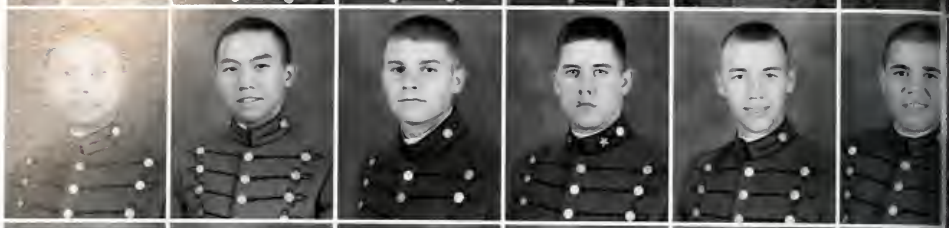

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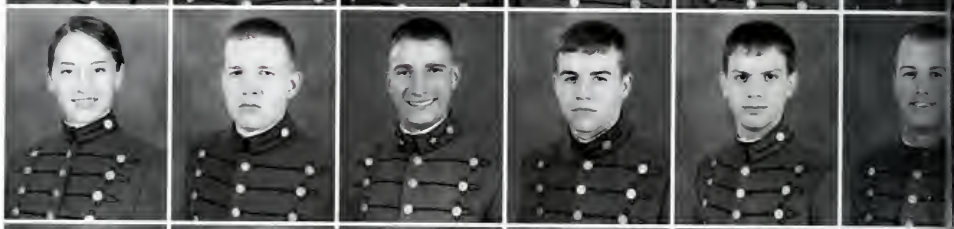

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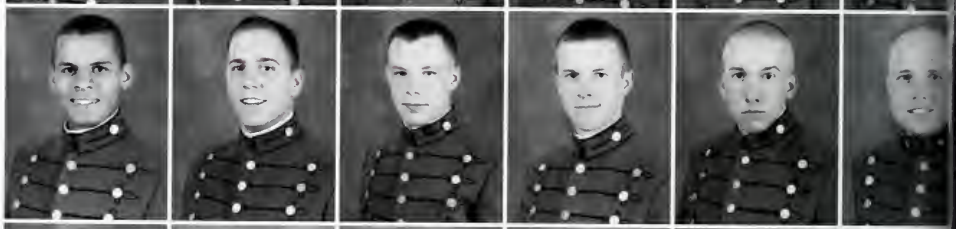

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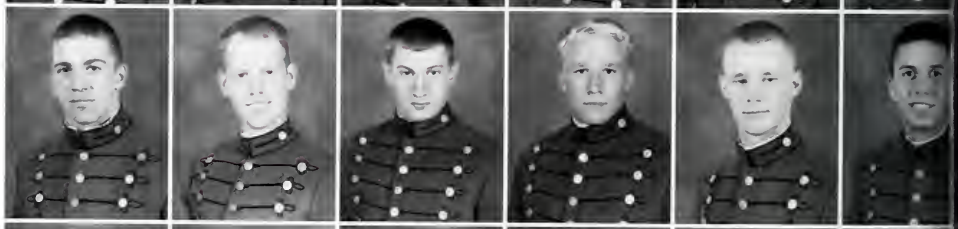

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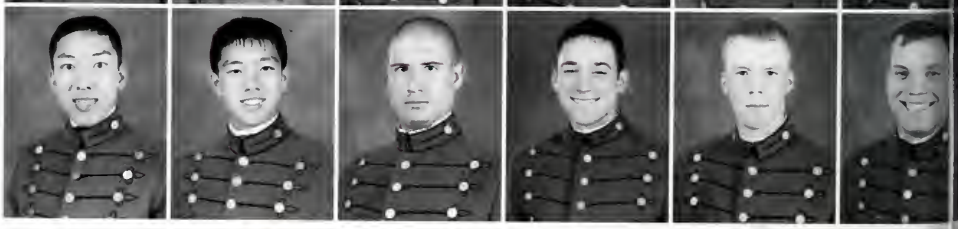

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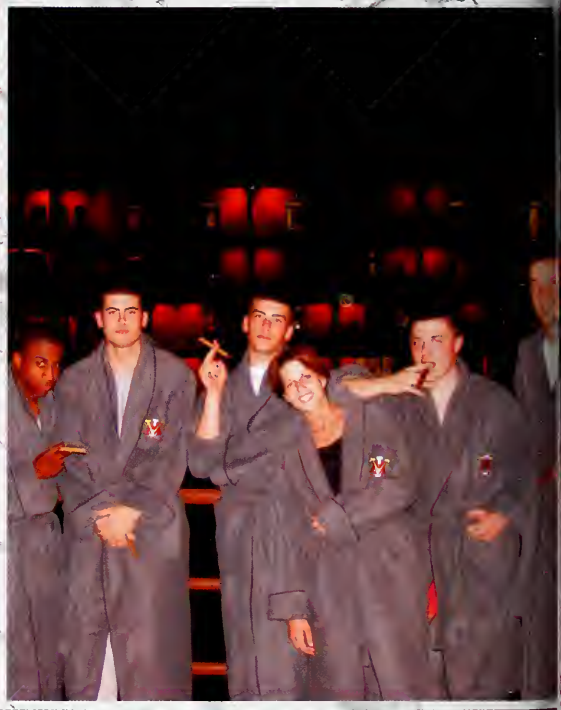
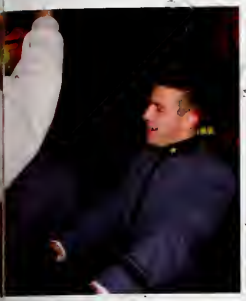
"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."

- Albert Enstein





"A MAN'S LIFE IS WHAT HIS THOUGHTS MAKE IT."

-Marcus Aurelius

HISTORIC PROPERTY
FOR SALE
The Roberson-Phelen House
Ca. 1825-1840
timber-framed dwelling

FUDDRUCKERS

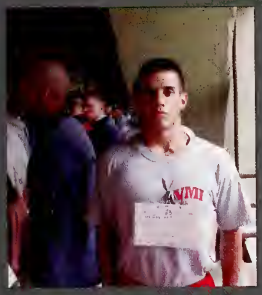
CADRE

RATS! These that stand before you are your cadre. They represent the essence of VMI. [illegible] have excelled academically, physically and militarily.

Your transition and integration into our corps will be tough and rigorous. It will challe[illegible] each and everyone one of you. Those that stand beside you now, may or may not be the same individuals that stand beside you in four years, but they will be the same individuals who pro[illegible] your success within the next several months.

I have entrusted your proper training and transition into this regiment in your cadre. T[illegible] loyalty and determination have caused them to earn such an elite position as they are in. Ob[illegible] instant will and obedience to the elite group ensures your success. They will not give up on you after many of you have given up on yourselves. They provide the best and demand nothing but best and because of this YOU WILL RESPECT THEM! THEY WILL TEACH AND YOU W[illegible] LEARN!

NOTE MY DEMONSTRATOR!



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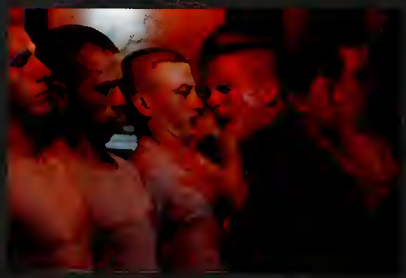

RATS

A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal nor tolerate those who do!

DONE SIR DONE!

HELL WEEK

Permission to go around

EYES!...SNAP!

STRAIN!!!!!

1 sir, 2 sir, 3 sir...

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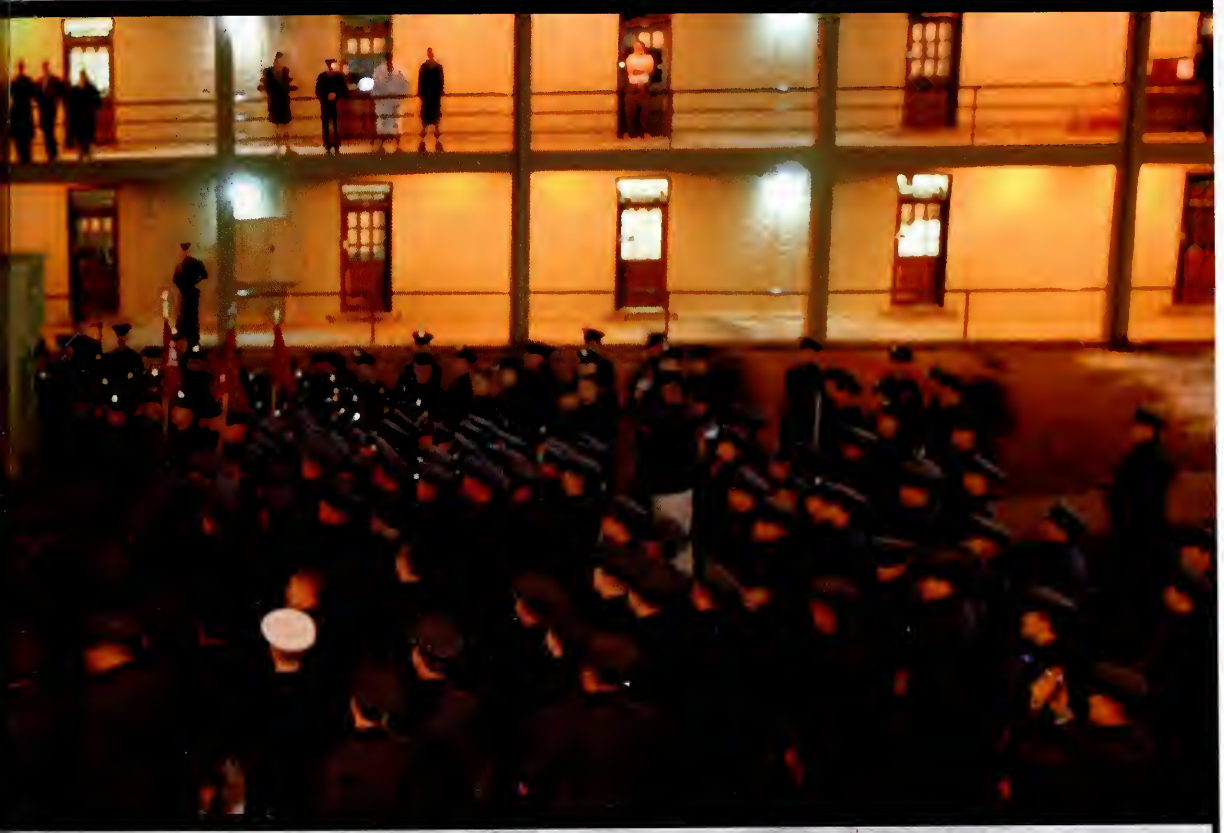
The Rat-Line

SO THE ENDING...



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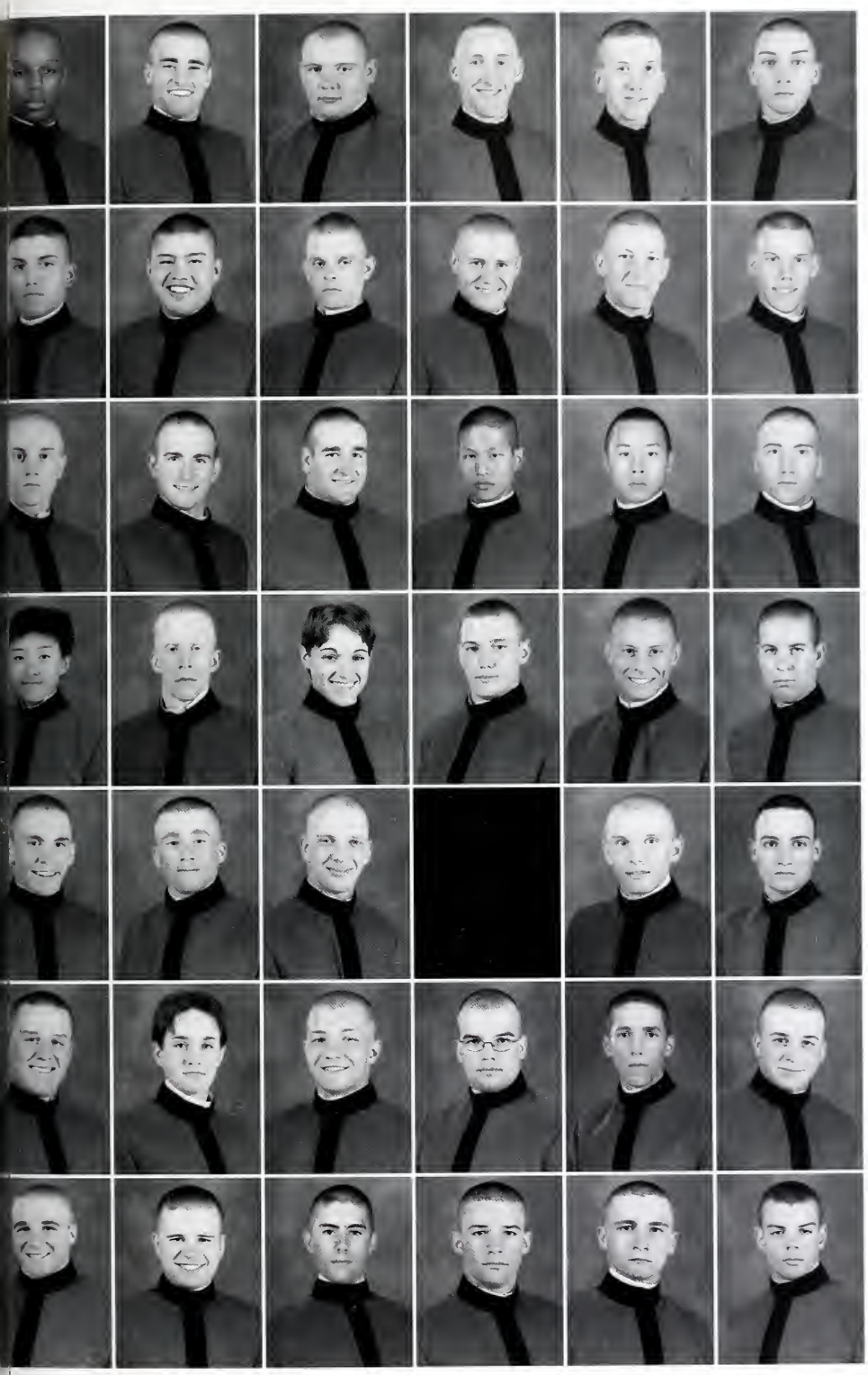

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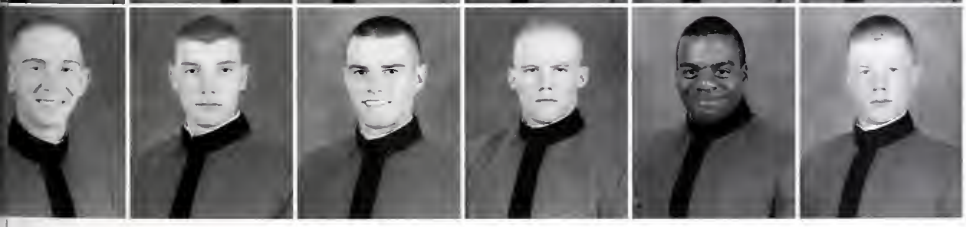

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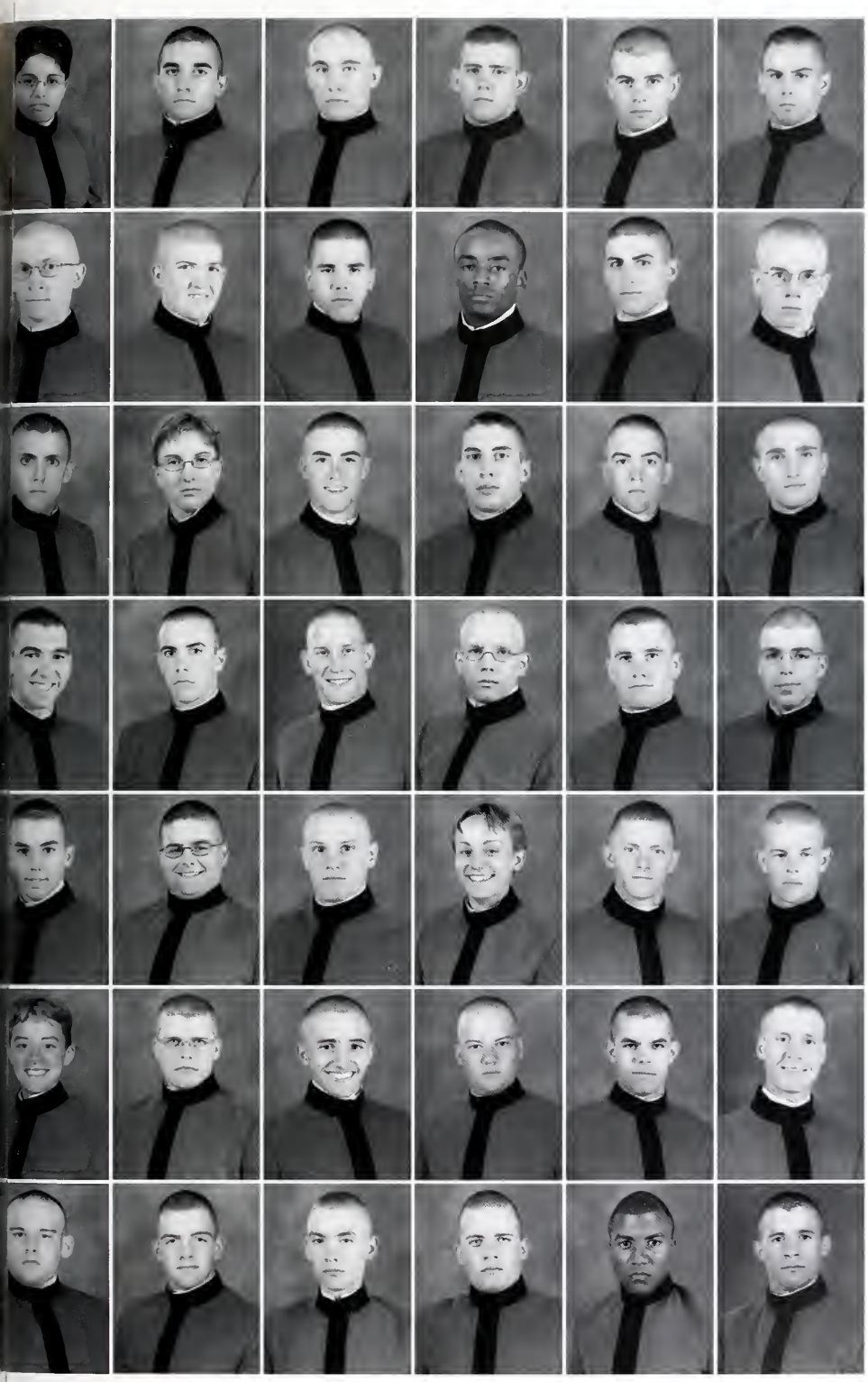

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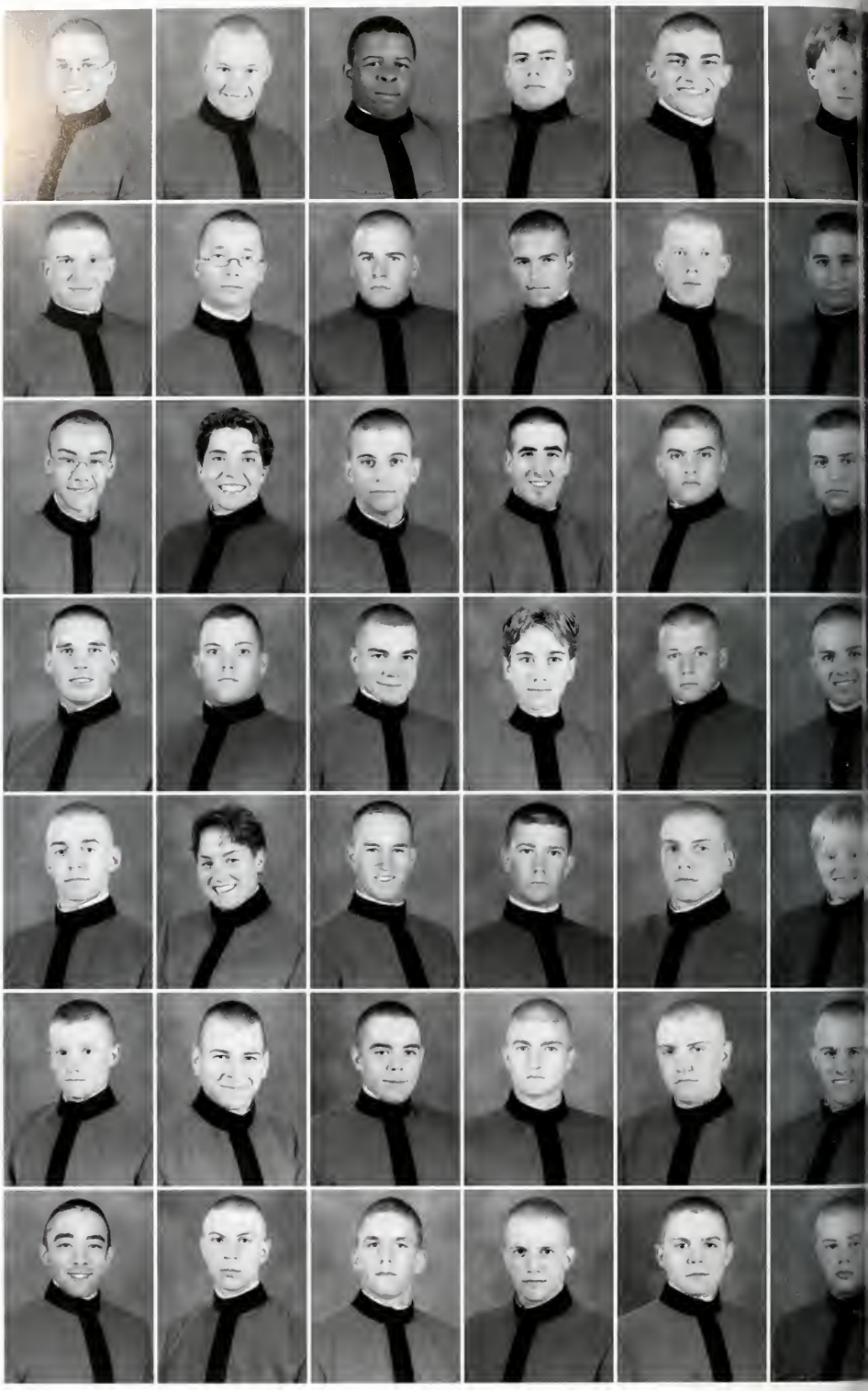

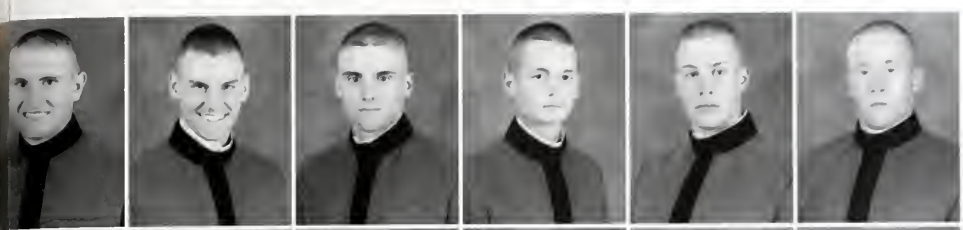

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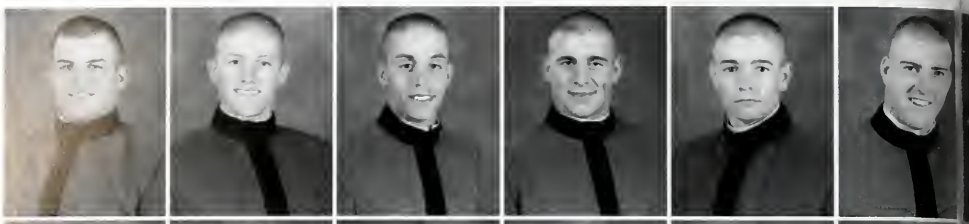

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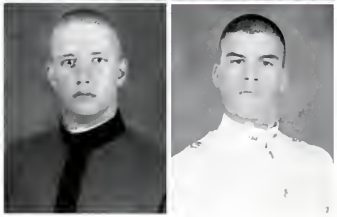
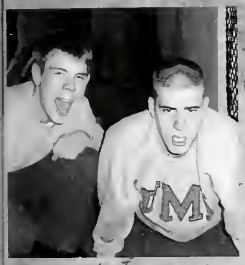


BREAK-OUT

"Be thou faithful unto death."
-Rev. 2:10

"The only easy day was yesterday."
-US Navy S.E.A.L.'s



There lay before them a world of many possibilities. It had only just begun. There would be many more to leave whether of their own accord or by the hand of the administration. Despite this, the Class of 2005 knows that the Class of 2008 will carry on the many proud traditions and uphold the high standards that characterize the Institute. Good luck!

The Chain Of Command

The Governor

Mark R. Warner
Governor of Virginia
Commander in Chief

Governor Warner was elected to office in January 2002. He has made many efforts to reform the State of Virginia by cutting spending and investing in education. The Governor has paid particlar attention to tax reform and was part of one of the most comprehensive bills on state tax reform.

The Governor was named "Public Official of the Year" in 2004 by the *Governing* magazine. He is known for his candid leadership style and progressive reforms. Governor Warner is also a Chairman for the National Governors Association. He is a dedicated advocate of education, enacting programs like "Education for a Lifetime," "Partnership for Achieving Successful Schools," and "Project Graduation."

The Governor was the commencement speaker for the graduating Class of 2005 on May 16 at the Virginia Military Institute.

(Taken from the Govenor's official web-site)

The Superintendent's Staff

General J.H. Binford Peay III '62
Superintendent

Colonel Strickland, General Peay, Colonel Chalkley

The Commandant's Staff

Colonel Eric D. Hutchings '77
Commandant of Cadets

(Back Row) Mrs. Dickens, Mrs. Leech, Mrs. Rivers, Mrs. Shiplett, Mrs. Hanes
(Front Row) LTC Levenson, LTC Funkhouser, Col. Hurlbut, Col. Moncure, Maj. Fridley, SGM Neel

The Cadet Chain Of Command

REGIMENTAL STAFF

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Regimental Commander

Aaron V. Gleaton
Executive Officer

Matthew J. Kurz
S-1 Captain

Chase Porter
S-2 Captain

Aaron Childers
S-3 Captain

Eric J. Huggard
S-4 Captain

P[illegible] T. Bryan
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Alexander N. Boykin
S-6 Captain

Edward M. Henderson
S-7 Captain

Joseph L. Gill II
Regimental SGM

REGIMENTAL LIEUTENANTS

Jason R. Reinitz
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S-7 Lieutenant

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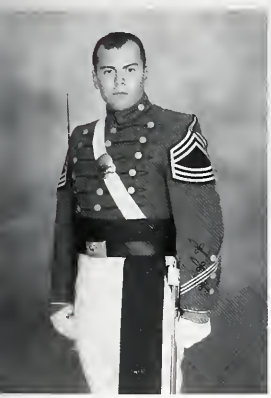
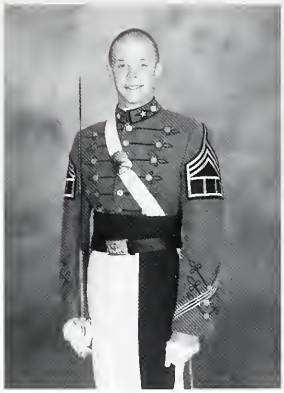


Aaron T. Thatcher
S-1 Lieutenant



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Matthew A. Dussia
S-7 Lieutenant

Mark T. Searles
Battalion SGM

ALPHA COMPANY

John Coleman
Company Commander

Ryan A. Murphy
Executive Officer

Brett St. Peter
Platoon Lieutenant

James C. Driggs
Platoon Lieutenant

Clinton T. Thompson
First Sergeant

Justin H. Woulfe
Operations Sergeant

Robert M. Frazier
Master Sergeant

Fellow cadets for some reason love to talk sh** and have their negative opinions about us in Hardcore Alpha. They assume we are all D-Bags, good for nothing athletes, drunkards, over-sized gorillas, etc. While most are simply just jealous to not be a part of we select few, some of what they say may in fact be true. However, I dare say no one questions the amount of pride that a cadet in Hardcore Alpha takes in having the privilege to be a part of this beloved company of ours. I am certain that my experience here at VMI would undoubtedly pale in comparison had I been placed in another company.

It has been no greater honor to have been blessed with the opportunity to lead Alpha as the company commander this past year. It has been a true learning experience for me and has certainly prepared me to confidently lead others throughout my life beyond Limits Gate. It definitely has not been an easy job trying to control and keep order in Alpha, and if not for the help of others I would certainly have failed. I would like to thank Ryan Murphy, my XO, and the rest of my cadre and rankers for their dedication and sacrifices throughout the year. Without their contributions my duties and responsibilities would have been impossible to carry out.

To the thirds and seconds, continue to try and improve upon what we have accomplished this year because there is still much to be done. The reins have been passed into your hands and it is up to you to decide what to do with them. To the rats, you all have come a very long way from your nasty existence in August. Throughout the year your cadre and I have preached the importance in pride that one must take in being a part of Alpha and I believe now that you all certainly have a strong sense of that pride. Carry this pride and a strong sense of duty towards not only yourselves, but more importantly towards the Institute throughout your cadetships and you will certainly make your dykes proud. Finally, to the first class privates in Alpha, I could not ask for a better group of individuals to be associated with. You all made my job much easier than it was supposed to be throughout the year and your cooperation and eagerness to set the example for the underclassmen was more than I could have ever imagined. Stay in touch and never forget our times and memories made together here in Hardcore Alpha.

"Alpha Rocks the House Again"
John C. Coleman II
Alpha Company Commander

First Class Privates

BRAVO COMPANY

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Company Commander

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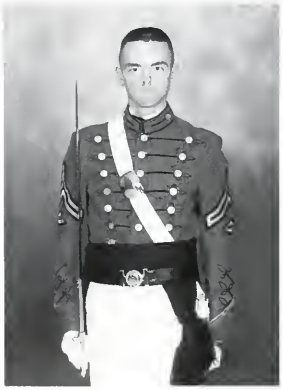
Mark J. Conley
Platoon Lieutenant



Christopher L. Pridgen
First Sergeant

Patrick J. Heiny
Operations Sergeant

Frank A. Dolberry II
Master Sergeant

Because we were nearly six feet tall, more or less, we joined a special fraternity upon signing the matriculation book on that August day. We joined Bravo Company. I can't, and hope I'm not expected to, describe what makes Bravo special and unique from the other eight companies on the hill. If you're a member of Bravo, you understand. The honor of my life has been to help lead Bravo Company with the best platoon Lieutenants, Sergeants, and Corporals along with a truly awesome XO. Bravo Company was unofficially led by the first class privates whose character and demeanor offered the seconds, thirds and rats beneath them outstanding examples with which to model their cadetships after. The biggest worry I had during all of those parades we marched was having my dyked-out uniform burst off of me; the pride I felt from standing in front of such a company caused my chest to stick out a little too far for those dyke straps. When we heard those sweet final words, "Pass in Review", I knew that the people on the other side of the ropes were about to see the best company on the hill, Bravo, glide by them.

Conor Heely
Bravo Company Commander

First Class Privates

CHARLIE COMPANY

Brian R. Gorski
Company Commander

Samuel A. Johnson
Executive Officer

Phillip R. Sauls
Platoon Lieutenant

Cody J. Grey
Platoon Lieutenant

Gerrid M. Gall
Platoon Lieutenant

G. Witherspoon
Sergeant

Seth E. Enterline
Operations Sergeant

Brenton L. Underwood
Master Sergeant

Andrew M. Thom
Guidon

Charlie, it has been a distinct privilege to serve in the position I have during the '04-'05 year. The company has a proud heritage of common sense, and I think it is because of this that we have produced the corps leaders we have. I thank you for the respect you have all shown me and I wish you all the best.

Privates, I want to especially thank you for listening and understand that the staff was trying its best to make things work as easily as possible. To all of you who held rank, you were the best staff I could ask for. I have no fear that the pride and traditions of Cold Steel will remain intact for at least the next couple of years.

2nds and 3rds, continue to listen to your privates and run the company fairly. Operate under a principal of mutual respect and you can never go wrong. Always remember: "We do things different in Charlie Company."

Brian Gorski
Charlie Company Commander

First Class Privates

DELTA COMPANY

Lev Pobirsky
Company Commander

Mark A. Lenzi
Executive Officer

Timothy F. Riemann
Platoon Lieutenant

Kendall B. Williams
Platoon Lieutenant

Thomas F. Manley III
Platoon Lieutenant

[illegible]t M. Timmer
[illegible]ergeant

Joseph P. Davidoski
Operations Sergeant

Scott B. Donald
Master Sergeant

Saul R. Newsome
Guidon

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Delta Company this past year. To my fellow Delta motivators, we are of a different breed. Anyone who has seen the Delta 2nds eat in the Mess Hall knows what I mean. To all those with the wildly imaginative and witty "Dead Last Delta" quips, better luck next time. There's something strangely satisfying about being the underdog and coming through in the end. I'd like to thank CPT Cook and SSG Burke for their guidance and support. Thank you for showing us how true professionals deal with cadets. To my Delta BR's, I hope we'll be there for each other in the future just as we have been these past 4 years. To the seconds, make next year count. Don't ever let them push you around. To the thirds, it gets better. To the RATS, keep on fighting the good fight and take pride in the fact that you are forever Mad Dogs.

"A dog is not 'almost human,' and I know of no greater insult to the canine race than to describe it as such." –John Holmes-

Lev Pobirsky
Delta Company Commander

First Class Privates

BAND COMPANY

Travis T. Hord
Company Commander

Alexander J. Dunoye
Executive Officer

James O. Shambley
Drum Major

Daniel T. Fields
Platoon Lieutenant

John R. Kite
Platoon Lieutenant

Brian P. Tuohy
Platoon Lieutenant

Ne[illegible] Maxwell
Fi[illegible]eant

Robyn M. Schaperjahn
Operations Sergeant

Andrew C. Ihnen
Master Sergeant

Felix Guerra III
Guidon

The Regimental Band and Pipes – representatives of the Corps and the Institute. Nothing has given me more pride during my time at VMI than to march in front of the company representing you all with a saber. All of you, who have stayed true to our company, have no doubt felt the same pride in ranks. More than anything I have heard the best comments on the Institute being directed to our appearance and sound during our opportunity to represent our school in this most unique way. It has been all of you sacrificing countless hours in preparation to perform that I owe the company's successes. To those of you taking the place of the First Class - carry on our tradition and take ownership of what has been entrusted to you. God bless all of you and keep in remembrance those serving and who have lost their lives in our armed forces.

Travis Hord
Band Company Commander

First Class Privates

COLOR SERGEANTS

Christopher J. Authier

Michael C. Carney

Joshua C. Garrett

Adam R. Glassick

Brian R. Hunt

Jason M. Long

Jonathan E. Mayhew

Thomas C. Moncure

Thomas W. Nance

Steven N. Parsons

Michael E. Rios

Richard M. Tamillow

Thomas D. Wilson

Sean A. Wolf

SECOND BATTALION STAFF

Benjamin R. King
Battalion Commander

William K. DeShazor
Executive Officer

Jeffrey W. Durham
S-1 Lieutenant

Ty E. Denby
S-2 Lieutenant

Stephen W. Sawyer
S-3 Lieutenant

Derek R. Rankin
S-4 Lieutenant

Shannon P. Meehan
S-5 Lieutenant

Jessica H. Stewart
S-6 Lieutenant

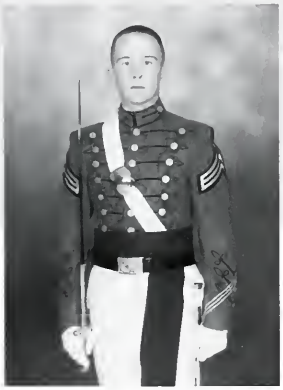
Brian Park
S-7 Lieutenant

James M. Donovan
Battalion SGM

ECHO COMPANY

William C. Ray
Company Commander

Jeffrey A. Sparks
Executive Officer



Brandon A. Haney
Platoon Lieutenant

Michael J. Duerr
Platoon Lieutenant

Michael E. Parsons
Platoon Lieutenant

Bradley B. Bascope
First Sergeant

Daniel R. Petronzio
Operations Sergeant

Henry S. Zhang
Master Sergeant

Shushil M. Machhi
Guidon

To the men and women of Tiger Echo,

Let me say that this year has been an incredible privilege for me to serve this company. The last four years spent in Echo Company have shaped my cadetship in a way that is unique only to us. The quiet confidence, knowing that we are the best damn company on the Hill, that was inherent in all we did from day one. My four years here would have been drastically different had it not been for all of you. From four-year private to ranker, you all are the heart and soul of this company. Thank you all for your support this past year. I am infinitely grateful. To the Class of 2005, thank you for your support from that fateful day in August in 2001. I truly think of you all as brothers and would not change a thing about our four year journey together. To 2006, 2007, 2008, the company is yours. Keep the faith and stay the course. Uphold the proud tradition that is Echo and is VMI. Stand behind one another. While VMI is changing, the Rats will still look to you for sound guidance. Make sure you give it to them. To my Cadre, it was an honor to work with you. You all put forth an immense amount of work and effort in molding not only the Rats, but this company. To those of you deployed abroad, I have never been more proud to say I am from Echo Company and that you are my brothers. For those of you about to graduate and for those of you continuing the journey that is VMI, I pray strength, perseverance, and success for all of you in everything you do.

"Here's to cheating, stealing, fighting and drinking. If you cheat, may it be a death; if you steal, may it be a heart; if you fight, may it be for your brother; and if you drink, may it be with me." ~Irish Proverb

Always,
William Ray
Echo Company Commander

First Class Privates

F-TROOP

Laura C. Mack
Company Commander

Sean M. Matson
Executive Officer

Cory D. Engelhard
Platoon Lieutenant

John T. Fisher
Platoon Lieutenant

Justin C. Fallin
Platoon Lieutenant

Kyle W. Schriefer
First Sergeant

Christopher H. Chin
Operations Sergeant

Timothy R. Papenfuse
Master Sergeant

Gregory Staat
Guidon

I will definitely say that our company is completely different from the rest of the Corps. Others might try to claim that, but we definitely claim that title. From the very first day right up to the last one, that was plain to see.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to be your commanding officer, it has made me a better person and most definitely a better officer in the military. Thank you to the chain of command. You guys were awesome to work with. I know that all of you will go far.

To the privates, thank you for bringing us all back to earth when we needed it. Although I might have corrected you, your antics always brought a smile to everyone's face. You definitely had the best place in the company.

For the underclassmen, God bless. It sucks now, but it will all be worth it in the end. Embrace the suck; don't let it boggle your mind, search for clarity.

Rats, maintain your integrity and don't let the trappings of VMI disillusion you. Look to what really matters and always start each day with the right foot forward.

It was good to know all of you, best of luck with whatever profession you choose. "Remember your outlook almost always determines the outcome."

Laura C. Mack
F-Troop Company Commander

First Class Privates

GOLF COMPANY

Anthony Cochet, Jr.
Company Commander

Charles K. Stokes
Executive Officer

Joseph L. Pruce
Platoon Lieutenant

William C. Pearl
Platoon Lieutenant

Dane C. Elles
First Sergeant

Alexander G. Williams
Operations Sergeant

John C. Sheckells
Master Sergeant

Kevin P. Jones
Guidon

It has been an honor to serve as the commander of what I truly believe to be the finest group of individuals on the hill. Before I took this position, I was told that my toughest duty would be dealing with upperclassmen—that any sort of cooperation would be almost impossible to find. Needless to say, this could not be farther from the truth in this company. I thank each and every one of you for helping me to guide our company through another successful year. To my brother rats, I wish you all the best in the years to come. I will never forget the memories made from our first months in the ratline until the day we walk the stage. To my cadre and staff, thank you for your hard work and dedication to the future of Golf Company. And to the class of 2005+3; you are the future of Golf Company. Follow the example set by your dyke's class and I will surely feel that my company is in good hands.

Andy Cochet
Golf Company Commander

First Class Privates

HOTEL COMPANY

Andrew M. Miller
Company Commander

George B. Melton
Executive Officer

James R. White
Platoon Lieutenant

Nicholas D. Viar
Platoon Lieutenant

Franklin L. Dyson II
Platoon Lieutenant

Christopher M. Marr
First Sergeant

James F. Woodard II
Operations Sergeant

Daniel N. Regan
Master Sergeant

Reese S. Morris
Guidon

Hollywood –

You really have lived up to the honor of the title "Pride of the Corps." The traditional mindset of Hotel Company lives strong. However, despite all the ridiculousness and all of the tomfoolery, you really have made yourselves something to be proud of (even if it takes a swift kick in the pants once in a while to remember where we are). Over the past four years, its obvious to everyone that the company's maturity level has increased dramatically, all the while maintaining the "Hotel attitude," one unknown to anyone outside of our ranks, one that gets us through the jeremiad of life at VMI.

To those we leave behind: Perseverance is key. Do what you need to do, do it right the first time. If not, learn from your mistakes. Don't let the Ratline get you down. A wise man once said, "If you would obey the regulations, you wouldn't be on confinement." But hey, that never stopped anyone from having a little fun.

It's been a privilege to stand with you all from day one. I wish every one of you the best of luck in your future endeavors. I know success will follow you. Hotel, you truly are the "Pride of the Corps."

Andrew M. Miller
Hotel Company Commander

First Class Privates

THE COMMITTEES

GOA

HCC

RDC

CCC

CEA

Honor Court

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Christopher O. Perry
Vice President
Jason M. Downs
Vice President for Defense & Education
Lawton B. Way
Vice President for Prosecution
Christopher E. Smith
Prosecutors
William DeShazor, William C. Ray

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Frank A. Dollberry
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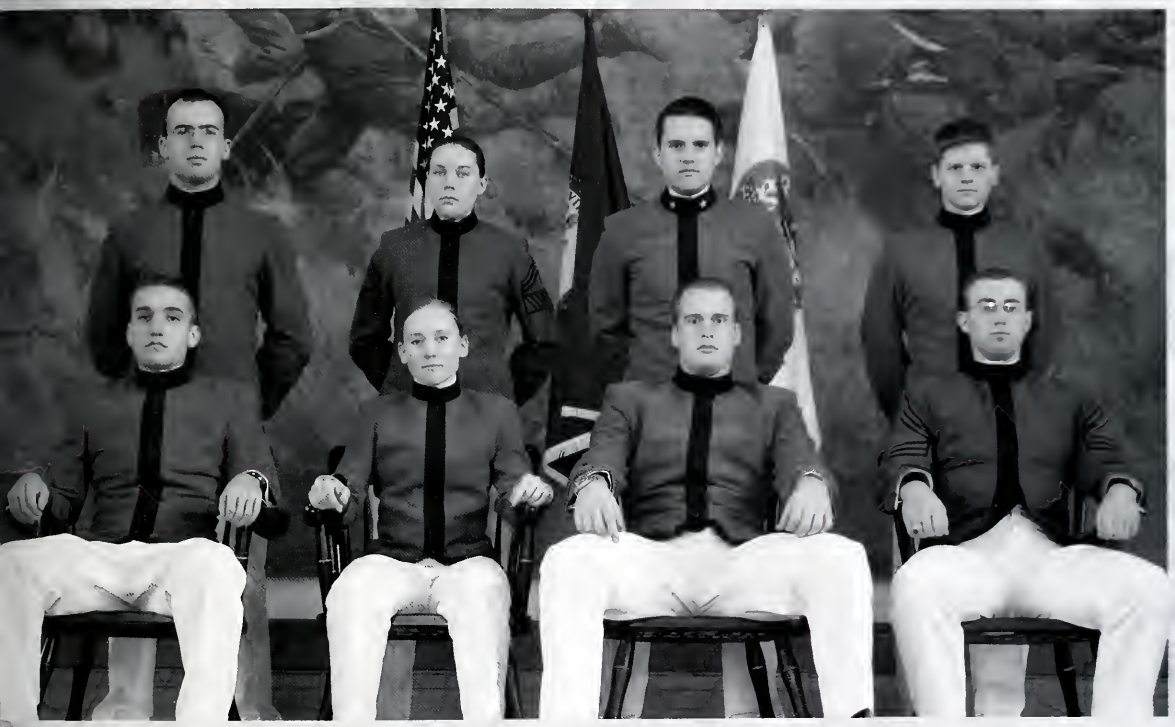

The Honor Court is one of the most time-honored fixtures of VMI. Its prestige and reputation far exceed the wall of the Institute, with people nationwide recognizing it as the only single sanction Honor Code in the nation.

The Honor Court enforces the Honor Code while educating the Corps on its principles and rules. At the heart of the Code is the prinicple of "A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate those who do." While the Honor Court enforces this code, this organization survives because it is strongly enforced by the Corps.

The principles and doctrine that the Honor Code and Court support give VMI a value system that set it apart from any other school in the nation. It allows cadets to leave items of expensive value in the open or a forgotten location to come back and find that it still remains there. In addition there are no locks on anyone's doors. It is hard to escape the presence of the Honor Code as it is omnipresent throughout VMI. The best example are the numerous charters that are located in every possible location on post.

The Honor Code and Court are two of the most important fixtures at VMI, because without them a cadet will have no chance of surviving at the Institute. In case you forgot...

IGNORANCE IS NO EXCUSE.

General Committee

First Class Officers
Robert J. Oaks
Benjamin R. King
Ian G. Dunlap

Third Class Officers
Jamaal O. Walton
Richard P. Meredith
Addison T. Palanza

Second Class Officers
Michael R. Pasquale
Christopher M. Stolle
Paul J. Welsh

Secretary
James C. Driggs

The purpose of the General Committee is to enforce the class system, which is set up to regulate each of the three classes within the Institute. Officers are voted by the class after a certain period of time following break-out. These officers remain as representatives of the class throughout its duration at the Institute. There is President, Vice President, and Historian for each class. All three classes' of officers combine to form the Gener Committee.

Each class is annullaly designated a set of privileges by the General Committtee that affords it special rights within barracks as well as on post. This system works in a progresssionary manner with the first classm having the most privileges of any cadet on post. If a privilege is taken by someone who does not have it, and cadet chooses to take action then they "send up" that cadet. This means that that cadet will go before the entir General Committee in an open trial fashion in JM Hall. The first class president makes the ultimate decision o whether that person is innocent or guilty. If guilty then a punishment is administered in the form of penalty tours or demerits.

T. [illegible]eral Committee also helps to support their individual classes' other aspects like prepartions fo Ring Figur[illegible] events, and speaking on behalf of the class in a non-regimental manner. It is important to di ting [illegible]at the General Committee is completely independent from the Regimental System.

Officer of the Guard Association

President
Timothy M. Johnson
Vice President
Samuel Stephens
Secretary
Michael P. Tittermary
Defense Counsel
Boyd A. Correll
Defense Counsel
Jamaal W. Stafford

Representatives
Blake P. Barnard
Felix Guerra
James B. Kingsley
Zachary M. Lewis
Brad P. Miller
Jefferson D. Smith
Margaret A. Smith
Ryan L. Smith
Kurt C. Weishaar

The Officer of the Guard Association, more commonly known as the OGA, provides a unique role to the stitute by regulating issues of conduct that violate Institute regulations. They work to educate incoming cadets on their policies as well as remind upperclassmen of right conduct.

This organization is made up strictly of First Class privates, and is an extension of the General Committe. The OGA works along the principles of the class system much like the GC, however investigations are private nd not made public. Reports are made only by cadets. These are followed up on by a company representative. ne purpose of the investigation is to determine whether a cadet has or has not violated the policies of the OGA. someone has breached one of these regulations, then they are issued a penalty that the OGA deems worthy of their misconduct.

The OGA is a long standing fixture at VMI and continues to pursue the idea that the Corps runs itself. The GA is not associated with the regimental system. Its all membership of First Class privates only is symbolic of the idea that the privates are the backbone of the Corps.

RAT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

President
Saul R. Newsome
Vice President
Brian R. Gorski
Secretary
Jarod B. Wheeler
Operations Officer
Nicholas D. Viar

First Class Representatives
Robert D. Barbaree
John C. Coleman
Daniel T. Fields
Travis L. Hord
Mark A. Lenzi
Sean M Matson
George B. Melton
Luke A. Moore
Michael E. Parsons
John D. Rerucha
Timothy F. Riemann
Phillip R. Sauls
Brett B. St. Peter
Charles K. Stokes
Shore A. Stokes
John F. Streetman
Brandon H. Wheeler
Christopher E. White

Second Class Representativ
Blake Faller
Timothy R. Papenfuse
Quetin V. Rohlfs
Kyle W. Schriefer

The Rat Disciplinary Committee, also known as the RDC, is intended to regulate those rats who have becon problem rats or are in violation of the RDC charter. Like the GC system, any upperclassman who sees a rat t is violating an RDC sanction, can be sent-up. A send-up results in that rat going before the RDC at an RDC m ing. At this meeting, it is determined whether or not that rat is innocent or guilty. They are always guilty. Th an RDC penalty is issued to the rat. These are usually corrective sessions, RDC work-outs, or charter writin Once that rat has completed their punishment he/she returns to their normal duties.

The RDC is also repsonsible for the regulation of Sweat Parties, Force Marches, and aspects of Breakout. Th RDC remains throughout the year, until it is determined by the first class when the rats are ready to breakout that point the RDC is no longer active, until the subsequent year when a new ratline begins.

STRAIN!!

Cadet Equity Association

President
Jordan S. Prior
Vice President for Investigation
Rebecca N. Baas
Vice President for Operations
Brian K. Bowman
Recorder
Jason A. Reinitz

Representatives
Jamaila Barrantes
Charles H. Brennan
David G. Carroll
Scarlett M. Collins
Nathaniel M. Moreira
Allen C. Porter
Pamela D. Reeves
Shelby E. Sears
John B. Thompson
Lester A. Wagner
Aaron E. Wallace

The Cadet Equity Association, formerly known as Title IX, is similar to but not to be confused with the OGA. Issues of the CEA are regulated by the law, whereas the OGA deals with issues of conduct regulated by the Institute. Some of the areas that the CEA encompasses are sexual harassment, title IX, and discrimination.

This association deals with Investigations in a manner that is different from all organizations on Post. For example if the case is between a person and member of the Corps, then the CEA does not handle the case. Reports can be made by anyone, but are largely made by cadets to members of the organization and then investigated. If an individual has breached a legal barrier, then they could face anything from an Institute punishment to a punishment by law after the case has been handed over to the necessary officials.

Although the CEA has not been around as long as some other cadet organizations, it has become a modern day fixture of VMI. Not only does this committee strive to enforce regulations set forth by law, but members also take time to educate members of the Corps on civility and equity.

Clubs

Big Brothers and Big Sisters

Rory Opanasets, Ted Henderson, Andrew Stone, Michael Carney, Preston McFaddin, Tabitha Pinter, Salome Coffman, Matt Jones, Vanessa Berrios, Joshua Thompson, Jonathan Marsh, Jonathan Schmidt, Matthew Upchurch, Charles Williamson

Cadet Investment Group

Jamaal Stafford-Chairman, Ryan Anderson-Group A President, Andrew Walton-Group A Vice President, Casey Jones-Group A Executive Officer, Chris Brandriff-Group B President, Marc Castillo-Group B Vice President, Michael Rios-Group B Executive Officer, Tim Allmond, Alex Boykin, Mathew Kurz, Sam Mielnik, Michael Tittermary, Andrew Upshaw, Siliang Zhang, Fred Robinson, Isaac Ostlund, Ryan Branham, Chris Fields, Jack Todd, Adam Glassick, Charles Feazelle, Matt Hook Brian Nooney, Jeff Rummell, Philip Hahn, Chris Stone, Thomas Zager, Wesley Haynes, Michael Lloyd, Charles Simmons, Ryan Smith

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College Democrats

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Combat Support Group

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Drill Team

Scarlet Collins, Geoff Parker, Mark Falcon, James Duke, Jaime Maldonado, Christoper Webb, Jared Weber, Richard Warner, Andrea Walton, Kristine Pitzer, Dustin Dodge, Brian Griffith

EMT's

Aaron Wallace (CIC), Allen Coones, Robert Ricadela, Stephen Varanko, Colleen Wall

Fire Fighters

Brenton Underwood-CIC, Eric Bliss, Patrick Heiny, Richard Tamillow

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Robert C. Gibson-President, Sean M. Loman-Vice President, Douglas G. Aloisio, Mark J. Conley,Mark J. Iannatuono, D. Alex Bruster, Joseph R. Tyler,
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Little John

Nick Taran, Gerrid Gall, Drew Thom, Jon Vaughn

Modern Arab League

Matt Noreus, Laura Mack, LTC Hentz, Yvgeny Skvortsov, Sal Sfrrezza, Jon Yohe, Phil Lundberg, Brian Mcguire, John Sakaleros, Jeffrey Durham, Aaron Thatcher, Jason Reinitz, Sofien Ben-Achour, Clark Dudley

Newman Club

Andy Wagner, Derek Faver, Catrina Heisel, Brandon Hdenney, Brian Stange, Josh Van Cleef, Michael Hughes, Robert Kusma, Elise Jones

Phi Alpha Theta History Society

David Beehler - President, Derek Rankin - Vice President, Conor Heely - Secretary, Jon Cirillo, Philip Shapiro, Jason Reinitz, Lawton Way

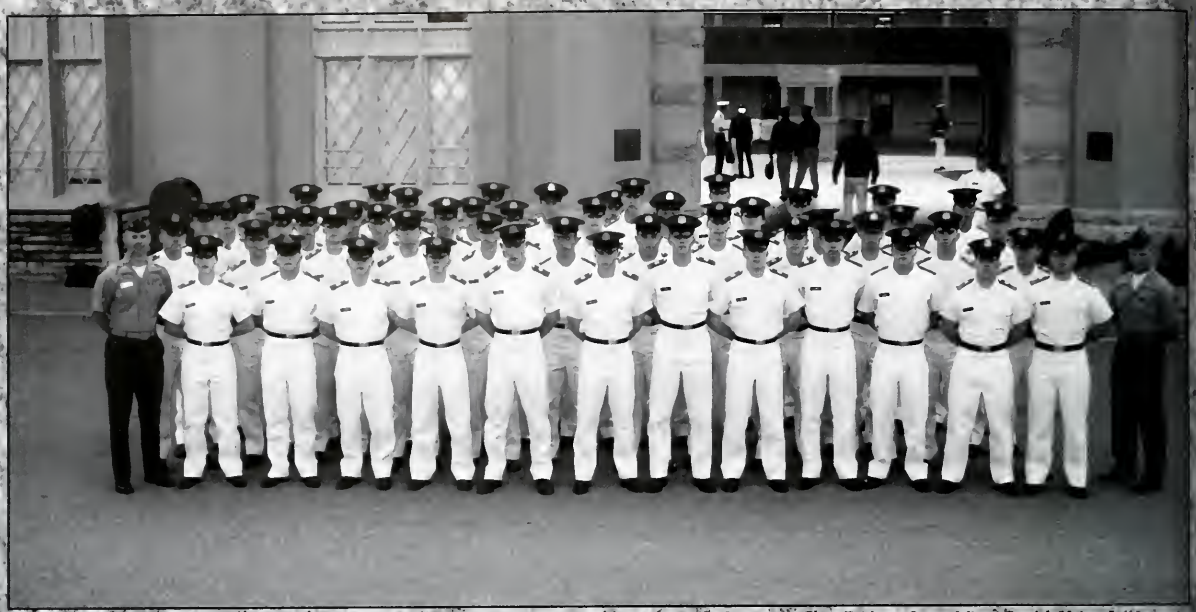
Promaji Club

Preston Beverly- President, Kathy Aldrich - Vice President, Kamau Hull - Sergeant of Arms, Mark Searles - Secretary, Ketra Alexander - Treasurer, Tim Allmond, Gabriella Arraiz, Keashawn Artis, Marcus Barnes, Amber Blain, Heather Brown, Marcus Brown, Joel Burger, Zohn Burden, Matt Coward, Deuntay Diggs, Frank Dolberry, Terrell Golden, Nat Jackson, Levar Joseph, Josh Lyles, Shelly Mackall, Abey Malave-Lopez, Gerard Mills, Anthony Oliver, Katrina Powell, Gary Price, Fred Robinson, Ryan Steptoe, Reggie Williams

Ranger Challenge

Phil Sauls, Al Chatwood, Chris Muller, Liam Gilroy, Brandon Price, Robin Schapperjahn, Evan Roddenberry, Leonhart, Collela, Phil Yi, Kirk Steiner, Jo Wall, John Shillingburg, Nathan McCall

Semper Fi Society



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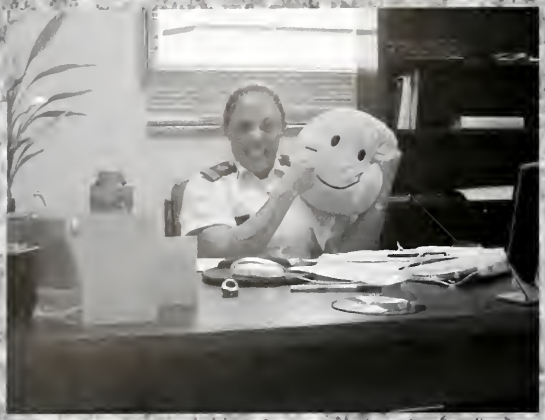
Letter From The Editor

I hope that you enjoy the 2005 Bomb. Both myself and my staff put a lot of hard work into this publication with the goal of cataloging the year in a memorable and artistic fashion. The size of the yearbook staff and the amount of work that went into this book is honest evidence of the hard-work and dedication that took place throughout those four offices in the 300 level of Maury Brook Hall. There were many nights staring at a computer screen trying to find just the right way to make every page look its best.

Although I had many long nights, and wondered if it would ever end, I did enjoy working on the yearbook. The end product of course is the pay-off, however it was the guys on staff that made it fun when you thouhgt you were going to go crazy if you worked on N-Design or Photoshop for one more minute. Rory singing...well making noises that had a beat. Derek doing all those things that Derek does, that if any other person did it you would want to shoot them, but somehow he makes you laugh. Seth, good work, and I really hope that you get a good position on the staff. David: salam alee kume, thanks for the good pictures. Jonsey, you are going to be a busy guy next year, don't forget to have fun. Tsai...we'll just say that you managed to give me many lessons in patience. Honestly, I couldn't have picked better people to work with, they truly made it enjoyable. I really hope that all those who work on the staff next year have a successful Bomb. For all those who are GRADUATING, thank God almighty, good luck with the road that you choose.

For anyone that is really reading the Letter From the Editor, thanks, this really wasn't just to fill a page. Just remember that when anything becomes to much, "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us." -Hebrews 12:1

THE BOO



Just think, she was in charge...

The Boss Woman!

Unh!

Cool, eh!

THE FA

MAKERS

Working Hard...

He handled the money, and the other one was responsible for making pages.

BUDS!

No I will not make-out with you!

Got the need for speed!

The Business Manager - Derek R. Rankin

The 2005 VMI Bomb is a great publication, only because of the staff behind it! Being a part of this staff has bee a challange, but one I wholeheartedly accecpted. To the staff, Thanks for the memories. I will miss the time spe working and being together. To Monika Dickens, Thank You for your help! Your guidance was invaluable.

The past four years at VMI have had their highs and lows. But without the bad times, the good times would not have been as sweet. The friendships and bonds will never be broken. Never forget the good times, never forget the laughs, and never forget our time together at VMI. I thank the Institute for all the opportunities it ha bestowed upon me for the past four years, Mr. Belliveau for his words of wisdom, my parents for their love an support, and to the Class of 2005, who will go forth and do great things. -D.R.R. '05

The Managing Editor - Rory P. Opanaset

The 2005 VMI Bomb would not have been created without the effort of a great staff. Laura was the driving force behind the overall layout and aesthetic. Derek brought in over 50 pages of ads, the most in years. Seth, the self-proclaimed "coolest guy on Earth," was a great assistant and always there when I needed him. The Ring Figure section shines like it does because of Matt's hours of hard work. Thank you to everyone on the staff, job well done.

To the Class of 2005, I ask, what lessons have we learned during our cadetship's? I'll tell you what 4 years of bl sweat, and tears has taught me. VMI forges not only our mind and body, but our dreams and aspirations as wel Our ambitions are formed by the adversity we face during our 4-year sentence at the Institute. It is our duty as a VMI community to not pursue these ambitions for our own benefit, but to utilize the talents we have acquired t better the world around us. Yes, a world *does* exist outside the "VMI bubble." The Class of 2005 now seeks to fac this new landscape. Our future should not be feared, but embraced. The world needs leadership, it is waiting fo direction. Will the Class of 2005 rise to this challenge and answer the call? There is no doubt in my mind that the strength and passion of my Brother Rats will affect not just our nation's armed forces, but the civilian workplace well. The possibilities ahead of us are limitless...let's leave our mark on the world. Thank you for the memories, friendships, and the Brotherhood. -R.P.O. '05

"Efforts and courage are not enough
without purpose and direction."

-John F. Kennedy

BASKETBALL
BATAAN DEATH MARCH
BOXING
CHEERLEADING
CYCLING/TRIATHLON
ENDURANCE SPORTS

Club Sports

SOCCER
SOFTBALL
SPRINT FOOTBALL
STRENGTH AND FITNESS

GOLF
ICE HOCKEY
LACROSSE
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
POWERLIFTING
RACQUETBALL
RUGBY

BASKETBALL

CIC- Frank Dolberry
ACIC- Chris Chin

Tommy Catlett
Ryan Hopping

Isaac Cecil
Mike Peranski

Seth Enterline
Nate Stevenson

Ryan Hergrueter

BATAAN DEATH MARCH

CIC- Laura Mack

Jeffrey Choma

Jeremy Coffman

Gerrid Gall

Lev Pobirsky

BOXING

Coach- COL Gordon Calkins
CIC- Todd Wilson
ACIC- Dan Osborne

Chris Bernard
Adam Frick
Dan Petronzio
Mira Veis

Charles Brennan
Rob Gibson
Josh Prible
Colleen Wall

Sean Dixon
Adam Glassick
Devin Ream

Jason Downs
Will Hamilton
Chris Scott

Ian Dunlap
Terrence Henderson
Kevin Simpson

Ryan Ernst
Dan Kwon
Chris Stolle

CHEERLEADING

Captain- Heather Brown
Co-Captain- Jonathan Wade
Co-Captain- Jamaila Barrantes

Ketra Alexander
Lezshell Mackall

Olivia Chapman
Kenneth Moseley

Deuntay Diggs
Katrina Powell

Elise Jones
Josh Taylor

CYCLING/TRIATHLON

Advisor- COL Francis Bush
CIC- Jonathan Prible
ACIC- Sean Moran

Josh Gauthier Brandon Kelley James Shambley Terry Slack

ENDURANCE SPORTS

CIC- Alex Boykin
ACIC- Felix Guerra

Milton Aguirre
Frank Dyson
Laura Mack
Maury Stone

Rebecca Baas
Tim Ernst
Parker Mills
Steve Stone

Nicholas Boykin
Tim Foran
Steve Parsons
Sam Wallace

Marc Castillo
Charles Freeman
Dan Plitnik
Abigail Ward

Austin Cronan
Paul Kuwik
Lev Pobirsky
Phil Wilson

Joe Davidoski
Brian Lennon
Margaret Serig
Catherine Zaremba

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Advisor- Dr. Doug Harmon
CIC- Gregory Stronko
ACIC- Aaron Hawkins
Treasurer- Casey Jones

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Philip Lacey
S. Nemeth

David Beehler
Shu-Chang Liu
Joshua Thompson

Adam Dernovsek
Oliver McElroy
Marcin Zola

GOLF

Captain- Jeff Smith
Co-Captain- Paul Bryan

Roland Bodenheim
James Hayes
Marc Lyons
Steve Watson

Boyd Correll
Andy Karnes
Will Paulette
Lawton Way

Mike Dongieux
James Kingsley
Brett St. Peter

Brian Fitzgerald
Zack Lewis
Andrew Upshaw

Gerrid Gall
Henry Lynch
Nicholas Viar

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Coach- COL John Brodie
Captain- Will Durkee
Assistant Captain- Jeff Gilmore
Assistan Captain- John Kelton
Assistant Captain- Greg Staat
Advisor- SGM John Neel

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Jose Goncalves
Chris Petree
Darren Wellner

Mike Carney
Matt Kania
Stephen Prugh
James White

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John Limauro
Brian Renaghan
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Mark Loyd
John Schwerer

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Victor Karpov

Seth Brunner
Ben McClure
Rob Payne

Wadsworth Bugg
Brian McGill
Jared Sheets

Kurt Karpov
Zach Miller

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CIC- Keun Rhee
Advisor- GYSGT Mercadante

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Chris Guin
Josh Simulcik
Jonathan Cirillo
Reese Morris
Andrew Smith
Wes Dockery
Alex Paul
Ron Volpicella
Jochen Granja
Ben Rosser

POWERLIFTING

CIC- Jason Reinitz
ACIC- Ron Volpicella

Justin Bishop
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James Sandman
Clinton Thompson
James White
Brian Bowman
Anthony Iliadis
Brian Park
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Anthony Tolomeo
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Andrew Upshaw
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Ben Chovanec
Tom Matthews
Matt Plant
Kyle Schriefer
Greg Van Pelt
Brian Winter
Jason Devine
Andy Miller
Joseph Pruce
Jamaal Stafford
Hunter West
John Graham
Ben Morris
John Sakaleros
Brandon Strickland
Jarod Wheeler

RACQUETBALL

Coach- CPT Chad Joyce
Coach- COL Grigg Mullen
CIC- Henry Hak

David Bhatta
Peter Knowles
Chase Porter
Sam Stephens

Jarred Drown
Jeff Krug
Jonathan Proctor
Charles Stokes

Preston Griffith
Won Lee
Derek Rankin
Shore Stokes

Justin Harris
Shushil Machhi
Will Ray
Kurt Weishaar

Wei-Han Jeng
Ryan Murphy
Jeff Sparks

RUGBY

Coach- Mr. William Crisp
Assistant Coach- Wayne Howe
Advisor- LTC Joseph Irby
President- Paul Julian
Captain- Alex Dunoye
Match Secretary- Justin Woulfe

John Anderson
Robert Downey
Andrew Kochli
Robert Ricadela
Steve Turner

Jimmy Angerman
Corey Engelhard
Randall Life
Adam Rosenbaum
Chris Waddell

Ryan Branham
Sean Hingley
Eric Lockard
Tyler Russell
Chris Yoder

Marcus Daniel
Robert Hill
Robert Lydon
Jeremiah Schenefield

Sean Day
Mike Hiltner
Chris Marr
John Schluge

Matt Dowdy
Nikolai Howe
Stuart Miner
Dan Strasser

SOCCER

ad Coach- Daren Timmons
sistant Coach- Robert Humston
C- Ted Henderson
CIC- John Fisher
ptain- William Maddox

Captain- Joseph Osuji
Co-Captain- Beau West

Ryan Anderson
Barry Hammond
K. Kotcharaksa
Tom Petykowski
Mark Searles

C. Romaine Burns
Tom Hardinge
Anastasia Kovarik
Brant Priest
Michael Tudor

Ekkarach Chimpong
Ben Hobbs
Paul Kuwik
David Riedel
Matt Upchurch

Kyle Clark
Nate Johnson
Bryant Martin
Matt Saccone
James Watson

Chris Fields
Tim Johnson
Chris Pettit
Nick Saccone

SOFTBALL

Head Coach- Robert Foresman
CIC- Heather Miras
ACIC- Tabitha Pinter
Manager- Brian Bowman

Assistant Coach- Matt Jones
Assistant Coach- MAJ Marti Bissell

Melissa Arellano
Nora Choi
Eri Kamura
Brittany Mack

Katie Bopp
Jenifer Farkas
Kathleen Krenzel
Whitney Matthews

Melissa Brewster
Laura Hash
Carolyn Lanier

SPRINT FOOTBALL

Coach- MAJ Dennis Foster
Captain- Mike Parsons

Brad Beckner
Adam Good
Jamil Kareem
Chris Parker
Phil Shapiro
Jacob Willis

Chris Chang-Lo
Jeff Hamilton
Charles Lindsey
Jordan Pagones
Steven Stone
Brad Wilson

Zachary Crush
Kyle Hamm
Ray Mattia
Travis Pantaleo
Tim Stover

Andrew Curtis
Joseph Hardes
Trey Mercer
Steven Parsons
Andy Stribling

Will DeShazor
Wes Haynes
Vincent Noel
Mike Peranski
Andrew Troy

Stefan Dietrich
Jeremy Hefner
Nick O'Connor
Dave Raser
James Wells

Nicholas Engl
Chris Hidy
Isaac Ostlund
Tim Riemann
Mike Werner

STRENGTH AND FITNESS

CIC- Jonathan Corrado

Jose Amaral
Hsin-Yu Lin
Brandon Wheeler

Robert Barbaree
Ryan Loucks
Dan Wilmoth

Anthony Bradley
Saul Newsome
Sean Wolf

Adam Brownback
Laird Nickels

Mike Davis
John Rerucha

Eric Heese
Ahmed Safy El-Din

NCAA SPORTS

VMI Doxology

Red, White and Yellow floats on high
The Institute shall never die
So now Keydets, with one voice cry
God bless our team and VMI

Baseball

Team Captains

Matt Acors
Jonathan Hollenbeck
Kelly Sweppenhiser

Schedule

at Florida State	at Virginia
Hofstra	Birmingham Southern
at Longwood	William and Mary
at Vanderbilt	Longwood
at Richmond	at Virginia Commonwealth
Coppin State	at Charleston Southern
Marshall	at William and Mary
Navy	at Winthrop
Fairfield	at Virginia Tech
at Auburn	Liberty
Norfolk State	at Old Dominion
UNC-Asheville	High Point
at Norfolk State	Georgetown
at Coastal Carolina	at Radford

Coach

Marlin Ikenberry

Basketball

Team Captains

Timothy Allmond
Sam Mielnik

Coach

Bart Bellairs

Results

		VMI	Opponent
Southern Virginia	(W)	71	33
at Navy	(W)	78	73
at Old Dominion	(L)	38	86
Virginia Tech	(W)	72	68
at Longwood	(W)	69	64
Towson	(L)	69	84
Bluefield College	(W)	77	70
at New Orleans	(L)	49	62
at Tulane	(L)	74	82
at Loyola College	(L)	69	70
CSU	(L)	67	78
Coastal	(L)	68	79
at UNC Asheville	(L)	77	87
Radford	(L)	62	78
at Liberty	(L)	71	91
at High Point	(L)	72	88
BSC	(L)	59	66
at Winthrop	(L)	44	69
at Coastal Carolina	(L)	70	75
at Charleston Southern	(L)	50	56
Longwood	(W)	65	52
UNC Asheville	(L)	72	77
at Radford	(W)	67	54
Liberty	(W)	73	67
at Birmingham-Southern	(L)	48	60
Winthrop	(L)	48	63
High Point	(W)	69	61

Overall 9-18

Cross Country

Men's Captain

Sean Hogan

Schedule

Radford
VMI, W&L, SVU Tri-Meet
Blue Ridge Relay
Pre-Conference
Furman Invitational
Appalachian State Invitational
Big South Championships
NCAA Regional Championships
NCAA National Championships

Women's Captain

Emily Naslund

Football

Team Captains

Robert Mason
Maury Pauling
Jeremy Ward

Coach

Cal McCombs

Results

	VMI	Opponent
at Ohio	14	42
Richmond	7	34
TTU	10	16
at William and Mary	6	42
at CSU	24	25
at Georgetown	0	21
Coastal	14	21
at Gardner-Webb	17	28
at James Madison	10	41
LU	17	38
Wofford	18	19

Overall 0-11

Lacrosse

Team Captains

Matthew Hook
John Morgan
Eric Rohrmann

Schedule

Air Force	Manhattan
at Duke	W&L
Holy Cross	at St. Joseph's
Robert Morris	at Canisius
Siena	Mount St. Mary's
Providence	at Marist
at Wagner	MAAC Championship
Bellarmine	

Coach

Doug Bartlett

Rifle

Team Captain

Travis Hord

Coach

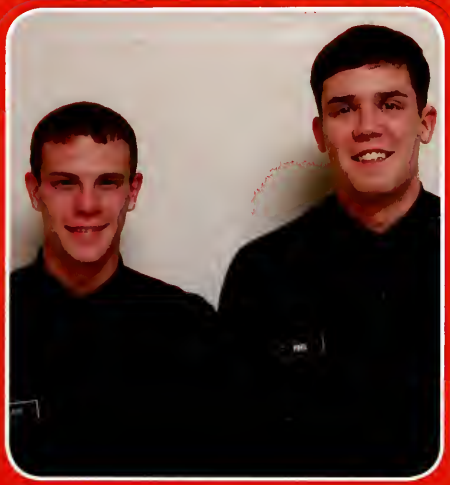
Jim Thorp

Schedule

Akron, John Jay, NCSU, Penn
USP Mass Maritime Academy
at Princeton
Loyola
Morehead State
at NC State and The Citadel
at US Coast Guard Academy
Sectionals
at Penn State and Norwich
Mid Atlantic Conference
Championships

Men's Soccer

Team Captains



Kyle Clark
Ryan King

Coach

Stephen Ross

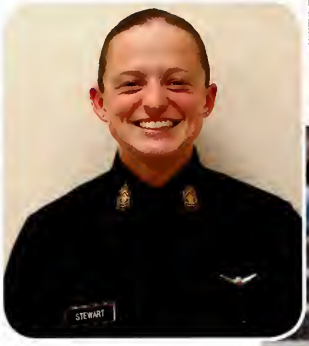
Results

		VMI	Opponent
Southern Virginia	(W)	11	1
at William and Mary	(L)	1	2
at Mount St. Mary's	(W)	2	0
MAN	(W)	3	2
JMU	(L)	0	2
Radford	(T)	1	1
at Howard	(L)	1	2
LU	(L)	2	3
Bluefield	(W)	3	2
at HPU	(W)	3	1
W&L	(W)	1	0
at UNCA	(W)	1	0
Averett	(W)	5	1
Winthrop	(L)	2	3
at MARS	(W)	2	0
Coastal	(L)	0	5
BSC	(L)	0	1
at Georgetown	(L)	3	4
Wofford	(W)	3	0
Coastal	(L)	0	1

Overall 10-9-1

Women's Soccer

Team Captains



Katherine Aldrich
Jessica Stewart

Coach

Julie Davis

Results

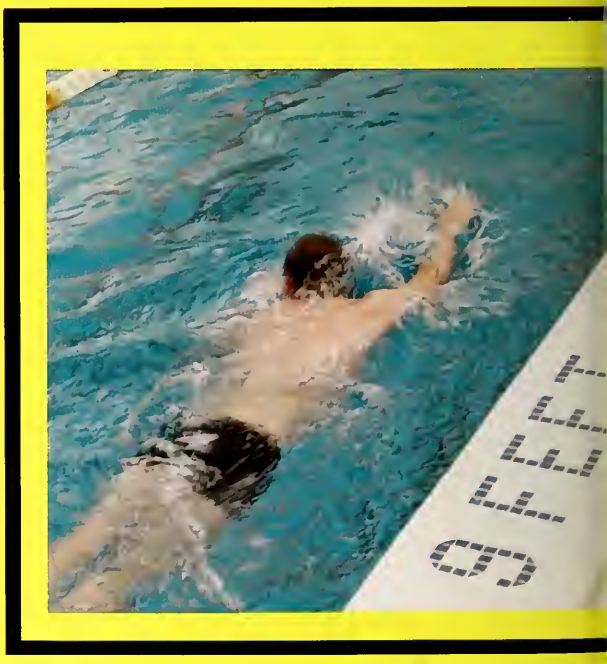
	VMI	Opponent
at Virginia Tech	(L) 0	9
at Gardner-Webb	(L) 1	8
Morehead	(L) 0	4
TTU	(L) 0	6
at The Citadel	(L) 2	3
at HPU	(L) 0	5
at Appalachian State	(L) 0	4
at Coastal	(L) 0	5
RU	(L) 0	8
AAMU	(L) 2	4
Longwood	(L) 1	9
at BSC	(L) 0	6
Winthrop	(L) 0	4
CSU	(L) 0	3
LU	(L) 1	5
at UNCA	(L) 0	4

Overall 0-16

Swimming

Team Captains

William Butt
James Driggs
Justin Fallin
Sean Matson



Results

		VMI	Opponent
nisius	(W)	121	55
Dominion	(L)	79	117
Sweet Briar	(L)	49	79
ward	(W)	227	88
Loyola	(L)	106	221
ns Hopkins	(L)	84	243
vidson Invitational	4 out of 4 teams		
tholic	(W)	142	84
Georgetown	(L)	95	139
Howard	(W)	178	49
Davidson	(L)	61	131
James Madison	(L)	98	104
Virginia Tech	(W)	118	104
C Championships	2 out of 5 teams		

Coach

Bill Nicholson

Track and Field

Men's Captains

Garrett Brickner
Ty Denby

Women's Captains

Gabriela Arraiz
Mildred Cooper

Schedule

VMI Invitational
at Kentucky Invite
at Virginia Tech Invite
at Kentucky Invite
at Virginia Tech Invite
at Pole Vault Summit
at Penn State
at Bucknell Invitational
at Penn State Open
VMI Winter Relays
at Virginia Tech
Big South Indoor Championships
Last Chance Meet
at IC4A/ECAC Championships
at NCAA Indoor Championships
at VCU Ram Invitational
at UNC-Wilmington
at Liberty Invitational
Big South Outdoor Championships
at Penn Relays
at Penn State Last Chance
at IC4A/ECAC Championships
at NCAA Regional Championships
at NCAA Outdoor Championships

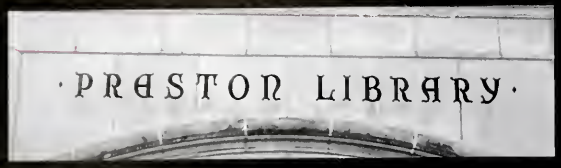
Wrestling

Results

		VMI	Opponent
at Virginia Tech	(L)	6	36
Anderson	(W)	30	10
James Madison	(W)	37	6
at Keystone Classic	8th of 9 teams		
at Gardner-Webb	(W)	35	6
at Southern Scuffle	16th of 23 teams		
Virginia	(L)	13	25
at Virginia Intercollegiate Champ.	4th of 6 teams		
George Mason	(W)	22	18
at W&L Invitational	2nd of 12 teams		
Maryland	(T)	18	18
Appalachian State	(W)	27	18
at The Citadel	(L)	6	32
at All-Academy Championships	5th of 8 teams		
at Davidson	(W)	31	12
Old Dominion	(L)	11	27
UNC-Greensboro	(L)	9	28
at Chattanooga	(L)	0	50

Coach

John Trudgeon



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(Front Row) Mrs. Friedenberg, LTC Bell, Col. Turner, Maj. Stands

Chemistry

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(Not Pictured) Col. Reithmeiller, Mrs. Wingfield, Mrs. Smith

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(Not Pictured) Mr. Herwald

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(Not Pictured) Col. Sheldon, Col. Vandervort, Col. Jensen

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(Not Pictured) Dr. Kiracofe, Dr. Russell, Col. Mayerchak

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(Not Pictured) Col. Sadler

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(Not Pictured) Mrs. Hardin

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(Front Row) Linda Connelly, Col. Grace, Maj. Laninga, Gail Ayers
(Back Row) Maj. Wiggers,

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Lt. Faison, Lt. Hardt, Ens. Tate

AIR FORCE

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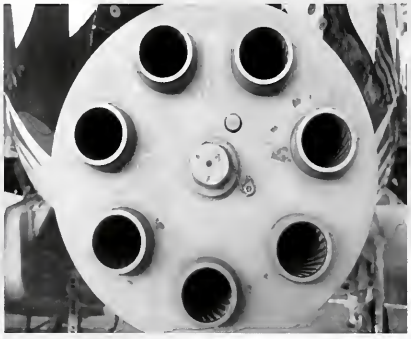
(Back Row) SSgt. McDonald, Capt. Emanuel, Maj. Danas, Maj. Romasz



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2005 VMI BOMB

Welcome to VMI!! Start Your Cadetship	First Haircut Congratulations, You Are Now Single	Meet RDC Lose all dignity and respect-STRAIN!	Your First Crozet "Bomb" Go Back 1 space	Classes Sta You Should H Been a Histo Major

Spring Break One final hurrah	Begin Looking for a Job Commissioning? Go forward 2 spaces	PT's Ruck your way back to "Third Class Year"	GRADUATION Moody Hall here I come.... You've won... haven't you?

20.5 Credits Second Semester Look for Concourse room Go back to "Start First Class Year"

You Got Branched Quartermaster!

Go back 1 space

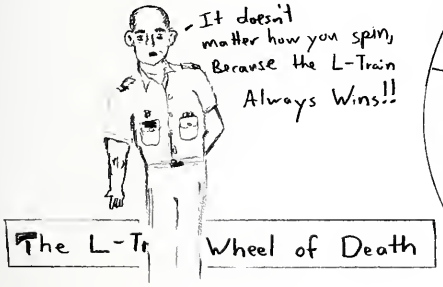
Rules of the Game

-Grab 1 Dice
-Grab a Beer, Drink, and Use Cap for Game Piece
-Grab a Girl (No, wait, you're from VMI...)
-Put on Some Good Music (We recommend Bon Jovi)
-Can be Played with 1 or 2 Friends (If you have that many)
-Wear Your Coatee (Does it Still Fit?)
-Tell Ratline Stories (That Never Happened)
-Must Say, "Back in the Old Corps..." at Least 3 Times
-Throw the Dice, and Let the Good Times Roll, or Will They?

Second, Third, Fourth.... Trip to City Subs Gain 10 pounds	First Trip to City Subs "Where the beer flows like wine"	Meet Your Dykes Answer Special with Rats Go back 1 space	Start First Class Year Almost Done....or are you?!?	Welcome to t Brotherhoo Congratulatio

BOARD GAME

Blow-off Dykes Go back 3 spaces	Thanksgiving Break Get caught wearing your uniform-Jump off 4th Stoop	Final Exams Haydown Go forward 1 space	BREAKOUT! Smell Freedom Go forward 1 space	Welcome Back Start Third Class Year
				Yell at Rats! Yell at Rats! No life, huh?
				BONED!!! Get used to it, Go back to "Meet the RDC"
				Boned, Again! Tuck that chin in, and enjoy marching
				Didn't Want to be a History Major?? Get ready for Summer School
Ring Figure Roll Dice If over 3, have a fun time	Desperation Triumphs Your date is from Mary Baldwin Moooo!	Ring Figure A-1? Go back 2 spaces	2nd Class Year Celebrate with the remaining 40% of your Class	Drinking in Barracks? Go directly to L-Train Start Game Over



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I get these gas attacks...

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STRIKES BACK!!!!

UH OH! Gotcha Frid Dogg!

Colonel Bush Says:

"Coverrrrrsss!!!!!"

PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR!
PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR!
PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR! PRIBLE, JR!
Love, the 2002 RDC

The Grand Punjabi
is Watching You!

Lookin' Good,
Captain Turner!
What Happened?!?!

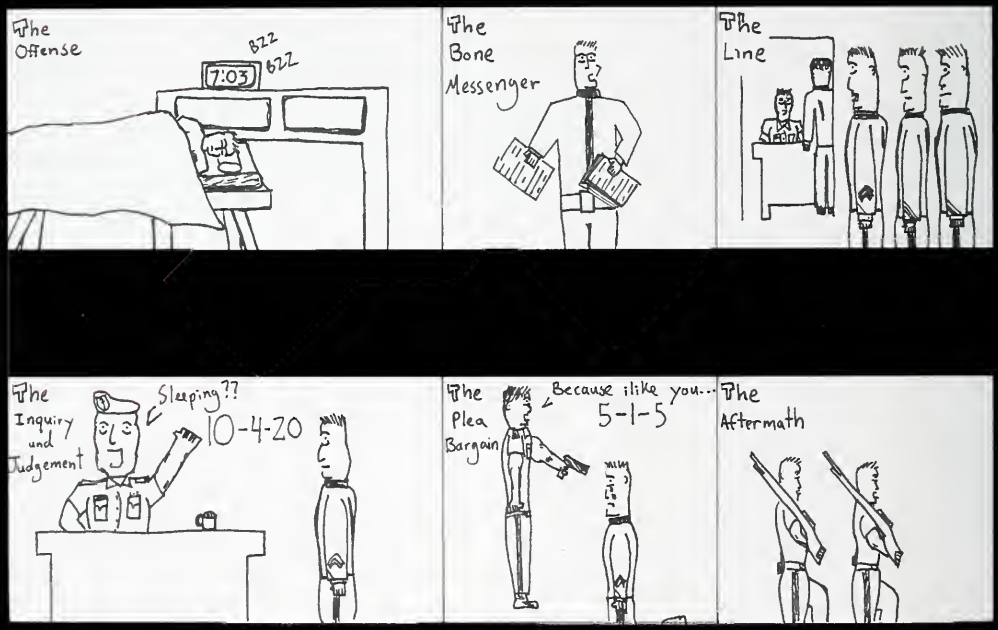
We always wondered
where all that confiscated
alcohol went...

No One Ever Says They Want to be
a Junkie When They Grow Up

Colonel Bush Says:

"Gentle Souls!!!!"

Here's Lookin at You Kid



The Anatomy of a Bone

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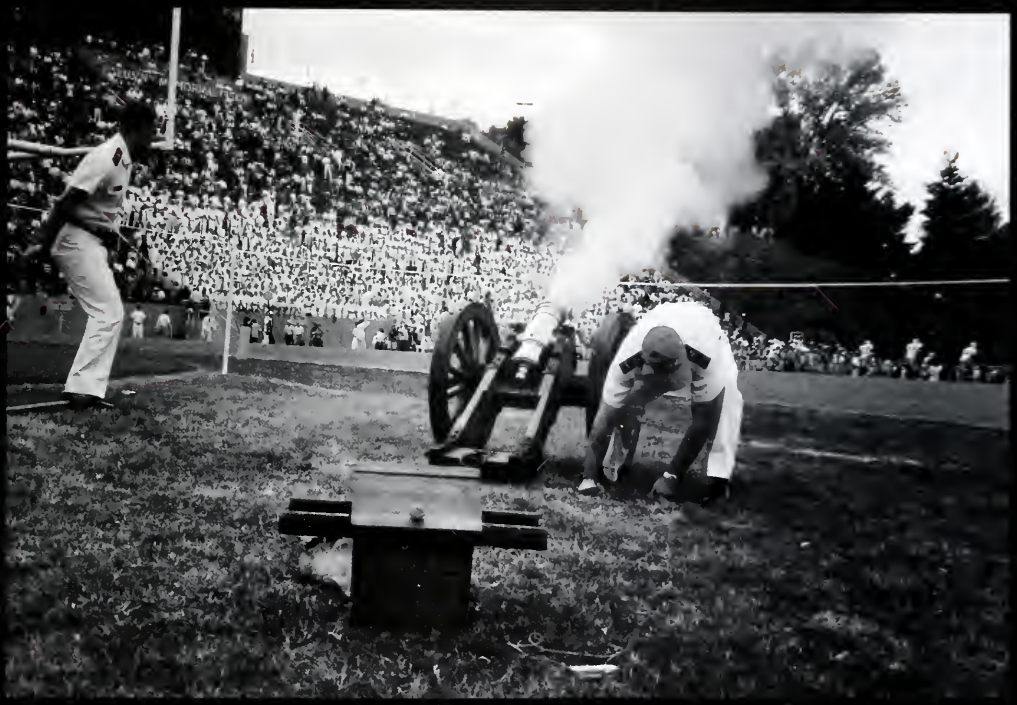

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-Mark Twain

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A LOYAL AND CARING FRIEND IS PRICELESS
WE ARE THANKFUL FOR OUR TIME WITH ADRIAN
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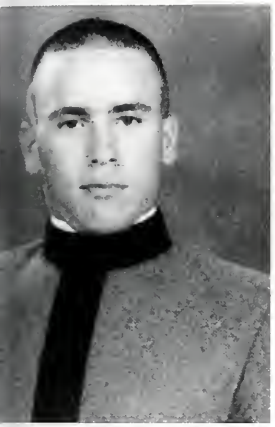

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From Jarod, Kirk, Shore, Donnie, Mike, Greg, and Preston

Always in our thoughts and prayers.

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Krista

Congratulations!!!
Cadet Artur T. Mkhitaryan
BREAKOUT 2008!!!

Best wishes for continued success!
I love you very much, and am proud of my son!
Mom, Grandmother, and Family

Cadet Christopher Darconte
Congratulations to Chris and
the Class of 2008
Thank you for taking us
on this wonderful journey.

Congratulations, Nick!

God smiled on us the day you were born. You continue to make us so very proud. Be true to yourself but remember the ideals, spirit and traditions of VMI. May God continue to give you the strength to reach for the stars. You are our citizen soldier! We love you, son.

Love always,
Mom, Dad & Katie

Grant us brotherhood, not only for this day
But for all our years. . .a brotherhood not
Of words but of acts and deeds. . .
Stephen Vincent Benet

Congratulations Tom to you and your roomates with love from Mom and Dad

Congratulations Nate Parsons
and the Class of 2006
Love, Mom, Dad & Joel

Congratulations Jonathan!
Class of '08

...Delbert Fink, Egeus, Sir Dinadin, Joe, a flying monkey, a rat and now a VMI Cadet...

You never cease to amaze us!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Timothy and Rocky

Congratulations Greg ...

A *Full* FACE-MELT!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Greta

Frank G. Williams
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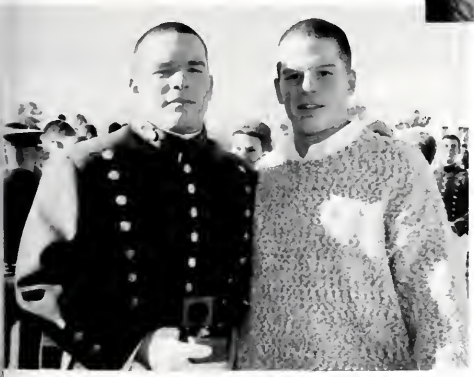

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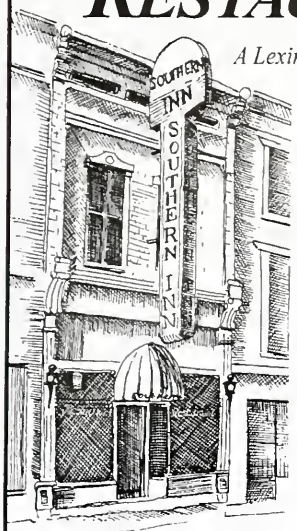

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the little boy to the VMI
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the VMI Tradition.

We Love you and admire you.

Dad, Mom & Jennie
Abi & Ao, too.

Jess

Your dream to play Division I soccer led you to VMI...
Through physical challenges and the "mind" games you wondered if you'd get by...
You excelled at your game and fought your way to the top...
On the field and the Rat line you never once stopped...
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Best wishes for continued success from your family and friends.

CADET BRIAN A. CORLEY

Congratulations on *Breakout* 2005

All the best to you and the Class of 2008 for continued success!!

We are Proud of you!

Love from Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS FELIX

With lots of Love and Pride in Your Many and Varied Accomplishments.

God Bless You in Your Future Endeavors.

Your Family, Mom, Dad, Estevan, Kristine, Eric, Eric Jr., and Noe

United States Marine Corps

Congratulations Gia

Your family is very proud
of you
We always knew you could do it

BREAKOUT 2008

WE LOVE YOU!!
Ian, Patrick, Tina,
Mama and Papa

John,

You had that same frightened look (and beautiful hair) on matriculation day ('01) as you did on kindergarten day ('88). It was so hard to say good-bye both times!

I am so proud of the way you have conducted yourself at VMI, and of the fine young man you have become. Good luck with your future goals.

Love,
Mom

John Robert Kite '05

Congratulations....
Keep On Soaring!

We Love You Chris..
Linda & Wayne
Kay & Mike
Kim, Joe, Susan
Krista, Noah, Lucas
and
DAD

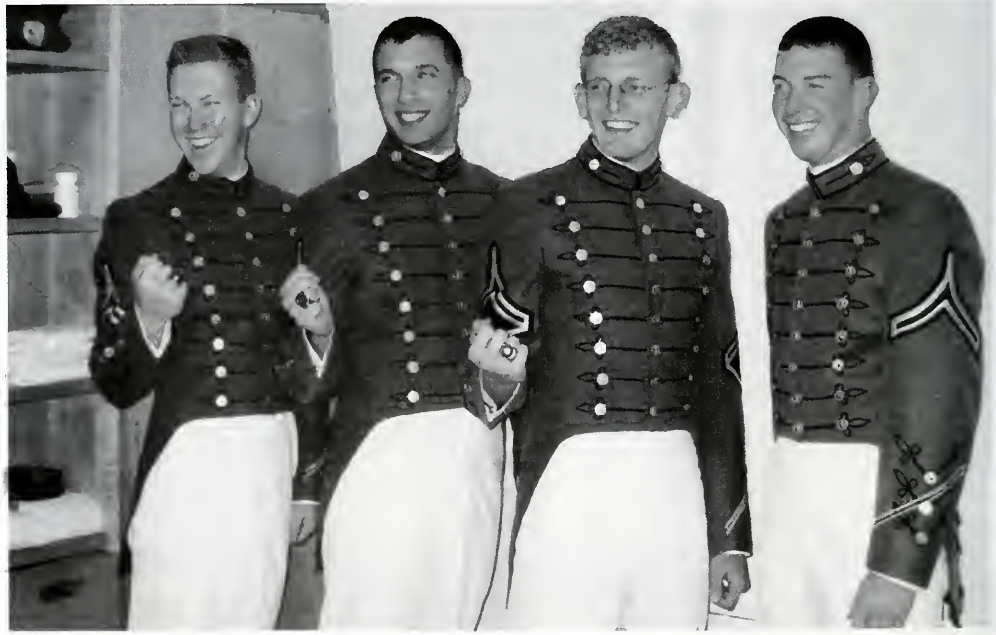
Congratulations to Cadet Randy Life and the Class of 2008.

We all believe in you, Randy, and love you very much! Best wishes for your continued success.

Love, Mom, Dad, Kendra, Grandma, Pops, and Granny

Kyle - VMI Class of 2008!

Your family and friends are all so proud of you!
May you continue to enjoy the rewards of your hard wor
the satisfaction of seeing your goals achieved,
and the enjoyment of good friendships made at VMI!
We Love You!!



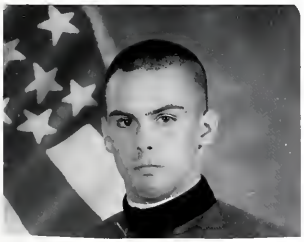
Congratulations
Phillip, Jim, Justin, and Michael:
May you wear your rings with pride and honor!

CONGRATULATIONS JARRED DROWN, ROOMMATES, BROTHERS, CLASS OF 2005

The VMI JOURNEY ends, but the BROTHERHOOD LIVES ON!

Reunions will be waiting in MD and NH !

Congratulations to Cadet Brian C. McGettigan
and the Class of 2008



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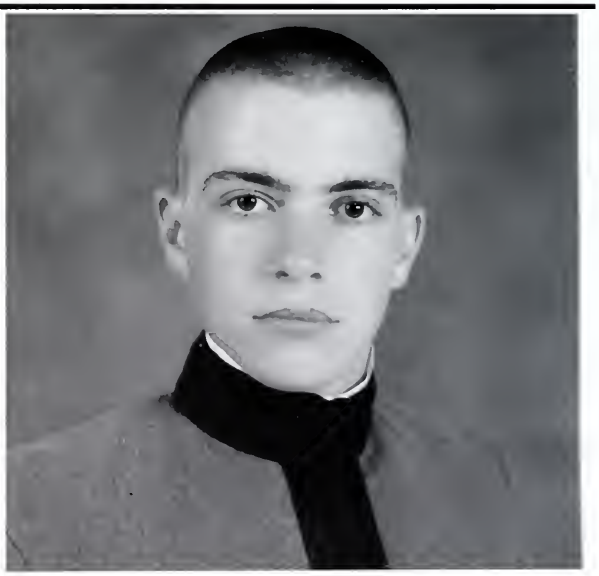

Congratulations, Cadet Eric S. Sherrard, Class of 2008. You did it! We are very proud of you.
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Ryan

CONGRATULATIONS
ANTHONY RAYMOND BOONE
CLASS OF 2005

ALL OUR LOVE
MOM & DAD
BROTHER, SISTERS, COUSINS
AUNTS, UNCLES, GRANDMAS & GRANDPAS
ALL YOUR FRIENDS & BROTHER RATS

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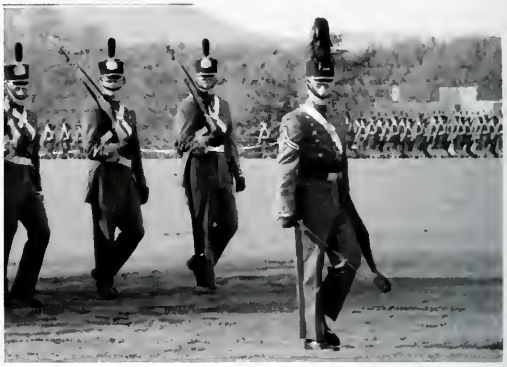
Cadet James Raymond White

You made us laugh at some of your antics...



You made us cry with pride when leading Hotel company...

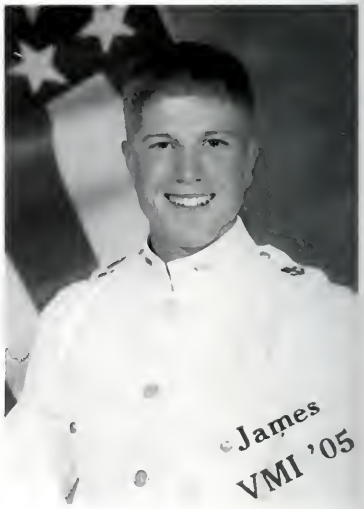
You surprised us when interviewed on Good Morning America...

You impressed us with the discipline that you instilled in your rats...

You accepted duties & responsibilities with all seriousness...

We are all so proud of you and your Brother Rats. You worked together as a team and you will remain friends always. It was a spectacular four years. Now, all of you must go out into the world and make your marks. Good luck and God bless the VMI class of 2005.

With love,
Mom, Dad, John, Martin,
John-Paul & Rachel



LIFE IS A BIG VERSION OF SPORTS

There is always someone yelling at you,
and not all the kids play fair.
You're always getting pushed and shoved,
And there is always someone who is better than you.
For those of us who have a hard time playing the game,
Here is a list of things that will make life a simpler task,
like tic-tac-toe or TV tag.

Attitude – gives an impression of who you are.
Believe – what the heart will believe, the body can achieve.
Competitive – be aggressive, you're number #1 until someone proves you wrong.
Determination – the game is not over until the buzzer sounds.
Eliminate – the thought that you can't be good.
Forgive – others who make a mistake, no one is perfect.
Grit – never be afraid to take a hit, just get up and take another one.
Hustle – give it all you got, don't stop for one second.
Intimidate – your opponents, it will make you stronger.
Just - do it, don't look back.
Keep - focused always on your goals.
Learn – by your mistakes, you will get better.
Motivate – the team, be a leader.
Never – give up.
Open – yourself up to criticism, learn by what others see in you.
Prepare – yourself physically and mentally.
Quitting – is not an option.
Repair – the damage you do, make up for it on the next play.
Sacrifice – yourself for the team, even though it sometimes hurts.
Trust – in your own judgment, someone has to step up and make it happen.
Understand – what your job is, and execute it as best you can.
Volunteer – to take the charge, for the good of the team.
We – can do all things through Christ who strengthen us.
Xercise – your body to keep it in shape, don't slack.
You - decide your future, and the team's.
ZZZ – stay focused at practice, what you learn there can save your butt in a big game.

Jessica,

We are so proud of you! You have lived up to the philosophy for life that you developed so long ago. May your composition and your example encourage others. You are a leader. It is one of God's greatest gifts given you. We are one hundred percent behind you and wish you air under your wings and blue skies to achieve!

ALL your family!

YOU MAY BE WHATEVER YOU RESOLVE TO BE.
STONEWALL JACKSON

Have Self-Confidence in who you are.
Don't get discouraged over a bad play.
Hold your head up high, be Proud of who you are.
We are a team, a family, and everyone has a job to do
to reach the top.
Together everyone achieves more.

Jessie Stewart
March, 1999

Congratulations to Kirk, Shore, and your Brother Rats

Kirk and Shore, we are blessed with two matching stars from the Universe. From home, baseball, Benedictine and VMI you have perseverance, endurance, courage, compassion, tolerance, integrity, sense of responsibility, wisdom, creativity, and laughter. Of the ten generations of your Southern ancestors who have been participants in the American experience and experiment you are the best we have produced. You are a credit to all of us who have preceded you. The world is your oyster. Go forth and participate in life to it's fullest. Think much but laugh a lot.

Love, Mom and Dad

"I think therefore I am."
-Rene Descartes

"He deserves Paradise who makes his companions laugh."
-The Koran

"To be nobody-but-yourself----in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else----means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting."

-E.E. Cumming

"The human race has only one really effective weapon, and that is laughter."

-Mark Twain

ROB,
YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY...WELL DONE!
GOOD LUCK WITH YET ANOTHER BEGINNING!

WE'LL
BE
THERE
TOO!

MOM,
DAD,
&
STEVE

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CONGRATULATIONS
DAVID MICHAEL BEEHLER

Dearest David,
We are all so incredibly happy for you!!
What an amazing education and experience you have received these past four years. God Bless You Abundantly as you begin your next adventure in graduate school at the University of Edinburgh-Scotland.
We are so proud of you David!
Lots of Love, Hugs, Blessing! Mother & Dad, Danielle, Stephen, Catherine

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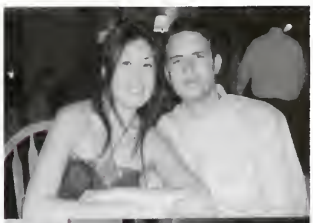

Dear David,

Congratulations! I am overjoyed for you! Your hard work, integrity, and ambition have brought you this far, and I know it will take you to even greater heights in the coming years. You are one-of-a-kind, and it is a blessing to have made so many memories with you here in Lexington.

~Ling-Ling

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We love you and we're so proud of you!!
Dad, Mom, Kristen, and Karli

STEPHEN M. WALKER, II

From Matriculation...

To Ring Figure...

Your mother & little sister at New Market...

Rat year roommates...

Your greatest fan, your big sister...

Your dyke, John Pettry, '01

Your grandfather's roommate, E.L. Laughorn, '31

From the past...

Stephen M. Walker, '31

To the present day...

Stephen M. Walker, II, '04

You have honored your grandfather's memory. You respected a generation you didn't know. You remained faithful and steadfast. Your parents are proud of you and admire you for who you are.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Derek,
Never give up
on your
childhood
dreams...

All your hard
work will give
you the
opportunity to
realize your
dreams!

Congratulations,
We are so proud
of you!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations
We have enjoyed cutting your hair
the last four years...
God bless you all in your future!

Lynn
Laura
Robyn
Sue
Kodi

DOUGLAS:

"PER ARDUA AD ASTRIS"

A JOB WELL DONE!

WITH LOVE, PRIDE, AND ADMIRATION; MOM, DAD, AND ALEXANDRA

Cadet Andrew C. Stiles
Class of 2008
Congratulations!

Faking Out,

Breaking Out

and

Looking Good !

Love.

Mom, Dad

and Tyler

From graduation to graduation! Congratulations Mildred Michelle as you say goodbye to VMI and HELLO to new beginnings for this also to God be the Glory!!!! We are extremely proud of you.... Lovingly Yours, The Dearing, Cooper, Love & Thomas Families

Congratulations "Cadet Emily Naslund"

Emily,

VMI was your success, from beginning to end.

We are all so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad
Whitney & Will

Emily, You continue to amaze us.

Fantastic 4 years!

2005 **Congratulations PAUL!**

1996 **We are proud of you.....**
Kramer **now go build your roller coaster.**

1989
Colin **Love**

1971 **Louis & Son**
Buddy

1955 **AmyLee, KMan & Double L**
Ron

1943 **Mean Sister, Maverick & Charlie**
Scottie

New Market Day 1983

Cadet Stuart Montgomery

Class of 2008

Congratulations for following your dream.
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"You may be whatever you resolve to be."

Love from Mom & Dad

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YOU HAVENT ENDED YOUR JOURNEY, BUT HAVE STARTED A PATH TO YOUR DESTINATION

John Bradford Haywood 2004

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

You took the path less traveled, you endured all the challenges that VMI presented, and earned the right to wear THE ring. We are proud of you and your accomplishment.
Congratulations on graduation!
Love Mom and Dad

Dear Andy,

What a path you have traveled! You came you saw you conquered. Congratulations and keep on truckin!

Love,

Dad, Jenny

Laura, Kevin, Sasha and Bessie

Then and now. All the times in between. We are so proud of your accomplishments. Congratulatoins on your graduation and commission.

Love
Mom, Dad, Justin,
Bear and Bree

Benjamin Kilgore Hassell

I SAID TO THE MAN who stood at the gate of the year, Give me a light that I may tread safely inot the unknown. And he replied, Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way! So I went forth and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone fast.

King George VI - 1939

Philippians 4:13

Love: Jessica, Anna Catlin, Mother, Daddy & Lady

The Rat

The Graduate

Jay,

Congratulations to you and all your Brother Rats on a four-year endeavor well done! You have successfully reached the capstone event in the demanding VMI journey that has uniquely prepared you for whatever challenges life brings your way. As significant, though you and your BRs have not yet learned to appreciate it, you have established friendships that will endure the years and even strengthen over time.
We are immensely proud of you and remain honored to call you our son!

Dad '76 and Mom

Ring Figure
Class of 1976

Ring Figure
Class of 2005

CONGRATULATIONS
2Lt Ian Griffith Dunlap
United States Marine Corps

"Duty is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less." Gen. Robert E. Lee

"Trust in God and fear nothing."
Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Armistead

"You may be whatever you resolve to be."
Lt. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson

"Illegitimus non tatum carborundem."
Unknown Roman Officer

With love and best wishes from your family.

Congratulations, Mike!

From the ROOMMATES,
Will Collier, Drew Neckman, Mike Rios, Lee Cook and Adrian Cmerek

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Jonathan J. Kim
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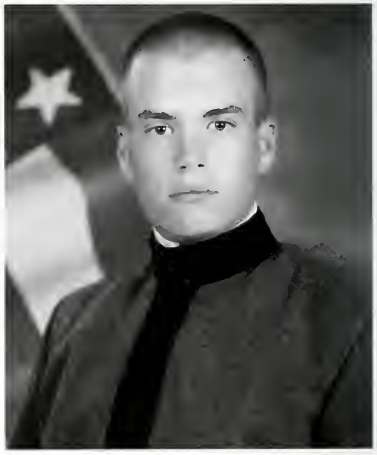

Cadet Christopher Haviley
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The JOY Class of
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Upshaw, an outstanding
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at VMI!

Congratulations to
Cadet Justin D. Costello

KEEP REACHING FOR THE STARS!

Class of
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Cadet Kyle Burchett
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**"You May Be Whatever
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Stonewall Jackson

**Words can not describe how
proud we are of you!!**

Mom, Dad and Joey

Cadet Chaplain Douglas Cooke Dobbins

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14

Three Cheers to The Ring Fellowship
at Second Stoop # 250
Chris, John, Parker, Jeff, Mark
From your Parents

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RING FIGURE FROM THE
CLASS OF '72 [DADS BILL, JIM & TOM] TO THE
CLASS OF '06 [SONS WILL, JORDAN & CLARK]

Our Hero! Brad, Aimee, Betsy, Bart & Dad. "Mom's watching over you always."

YOU HAVE WORKED HARD TO GET TO THIS POINT. WE WISH YOU THE BEST AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY AT VMI!

LOVE,
MOM, DAD,
GRAND DADDY
&
MAMMA

CONGRATULATIONS RYAN!

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Do not follow
where the path may lead
Go instead
where there is no path and leave a trail

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Congratulations on your fine accomplishments, and graduation from VMI, Bud. We love you, Mose!

Mom, Dad, Farrow, Jason and Isabella

Cadet Thomas A. Largi, Jr.
Memories of *Ring Figure* for the Class of 2005
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Love from Mom, Dad and family

Michael James Scott
Congratulations on your graduation and commission.
We are very proud of you!
God Bless our new 2LT.
Keep your eyes on Him!
Proverbs 3:5-6
Love Dad, Mom, Brian, Kevin, and Trevor
"MooBear, you are the Man!"

Jeffrey Allen Sparks

From a Toddler

You have filled our hearts
with joy and given us so
many wonderful memories,
Our love for you and pride
in your accomplishments
are without limit.

CONGRATULATIONS JEFF

We Love you,
Mom, Dad & Sis

To Present

Congratulations, Tom!

All our love,
Dad '79, Mom, John, and Allison

ANDREW AND THE CLASS OF 2006, CONGRATULATIONS ON ALL OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT VMI!

Benjamin,
It seems like yesterday you walked out of J.M. Hall a "rat", and now you have graduated. We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Jaimie

From Rat to Aviator
Congratulations Andrew
Love,
Mom, Dad
Chris, Brandon and Colleen

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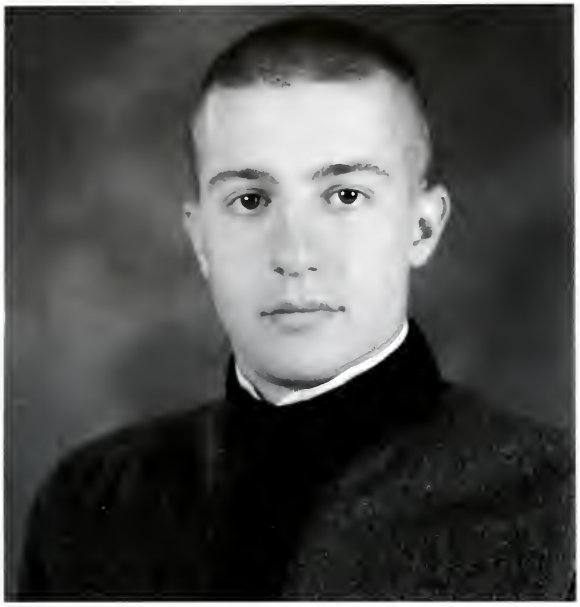
Cadet Matthew L. Sheridan
Memories of Breakout for the
Class of 2008
Your Family is so proud of you.
Congratulations to you and all your Brother Rats.



Brandon J. Haenny
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over these past four years.
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom & Valerie

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Congratulations Jim, Pete, and Chas
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From the Ehnot Family
We're very proud of all of you

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2005

From *The Cadet* Newspaper Staff

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OF 2005!!!
THE BATTLE HAS BEEN WON

CHRIS MULLER, WE ARE SO VERY
PROUD OF EVERYTHING YOU HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED THESE PAST
FOUR YEARS
WE LOVE YOU!
DAD, MOM AND HEIDI

OCTOBER 2001
BROTHER RATS SAUL, CHRIS
WITH THEIR DYKE DAVID R. ROSSI, '02

1984

1996

CHALLENGER

The Challenger am I,
With a heart that beats for more than life,
With legs that move for more than walking,
With eyes for more than sight,
And arms with which to fight.
Above all, a challenging ghost trapped in my fiery body.

Never shall I take the downhill road
Nor shall I dive for the shallowest pearl
Nor shall I reach for the closest door
Nor carry the lightest weapon into battle

But I will run from Persia to China through the Himalayas,
I shall wrestle the greatest beast of the sea and its eyes will be my pearls
I shall swim deeper than any, into the coldest deepest abyss
Only to bring up the tiniest shell.

And I needn't even be victorious.
The victor is always the one with the fire,
The flaming strength to dare to meet the challenge.

-John E. Sakaleros-

INVICTUS

OUT OF THE NIGHT THAT COVERS ME
BLACK AS THE PIT FROM POLE TO POLE,
I THANK WHATEVER GODS MAY BE
FOR MY UNCONQUERABLE SOUL.

IN THE FELL CLUTCH OF CIRCUMSTANCE
I HAVE NOT WINCED NOR CRIED ALOUD.
UNDER THE BLUDGEONINGS OF CHANCE
MY HEAD IS BLOODY, BUT UNBOWED.

BEYOND THIS PLACE OF WRATH AND TEARS
LOOMS BUT THE HORROR OF THE SHADE,
AND YET THE MENACE OF THE YEARS
FINDS, AND SHALL FIND ME, UNAFRAID.

IT MATTERS NOT HOW STRAIT THE GATE,
HOW CHARGED WITH PUNISHMENTS THE SCROLL,
I AM THE MASTER OF MY FATE
I AM THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL

-WILLIAM ERNEST HENLEY

Dear John,

We are so very proud of you. Congratulations for your four years at VMI, and your graduation! Two outstanding poems, Invictus by William Ernest Henley, and the Challenger that you wrote in high school.

Love always,
Mom & Dad, Uncle John, Aunt Janet, Aunt Ann, Nancy,
Sissy, Elizabeth, Arthur, Allyson, Alice, John, Mary,
Gregory, Yaya, Stasula, Katherine, Niki, John, Angie, Elaine,
Angeline Rose, and all the family

Cadet David Jacobs
Congratulations on your
continued success at VMI

BREAKOUT 2008!!!!!!!
Love from Mom, Dad, and Steven.

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Eric Michael Kaltrider '05

From your regular face...

to Royal Rangers...

through graduation day...

You've always made us proud; you've always been a champion. Go get'em son!
We love you so much,
Mom, Dad, Kevin, Mom-Mom, Pop, and George

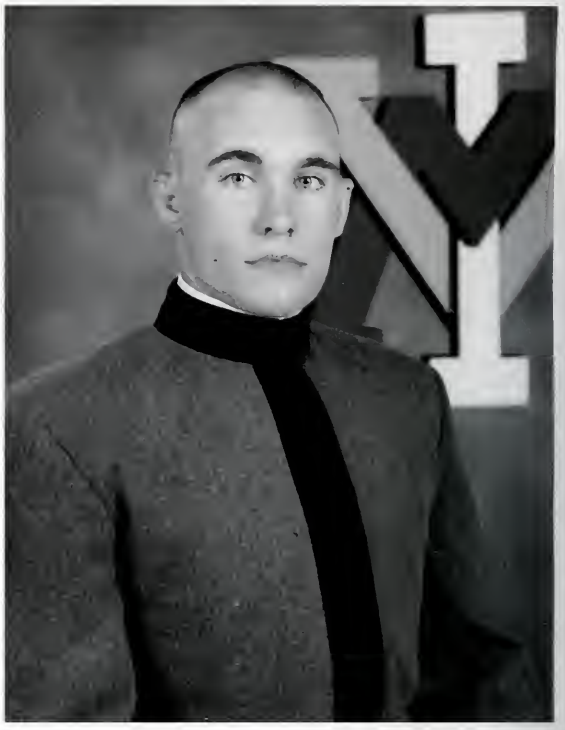
The Steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Psalm 37:23

When you started at VMI,
We had a tear in our eyes,
Watching you go, loving you so,
We wanted you to continue to grow!
Your rat year completed,
You are NOT defeated,
Onward and upward you'll GO!

BREAKOUT 2008!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Anna, Andrew & Kyle



GET'TER DONE ROO !!!

LOVE, MOM & DAD

Brandon K. Strickland-...**confident that...**
He who began a good work in you
will... complete it. Philippians 1:6
Mom, Dad, Zac, and Jinna

FROM RATS TO RINGS...

CONGRATULATIONS ADAM, CLARK, KYLE, AND TIM - CLASS OF 2006 - ON YOUR RING FIGURE

LOVE, YOUR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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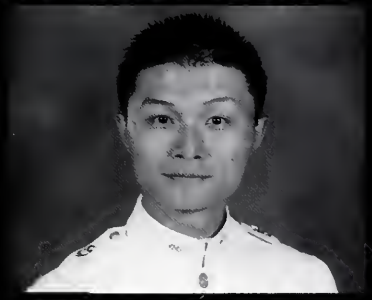

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Roommates!
Cadet Andrew Upshaw,
Ring Figure!
What a year you have had!
Friends!
New York City!
BR'S
Mid-Winter Formal!
Inauguration Parade!

Congratulations!!
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Congratulations to the Class of 2006!
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We are proud of you!

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